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Almost 100 repayment claims won every day for late trains

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RAIL campaigners say their long-running accusations of poor service have been proved after almost 35,000 compensation claims were paid out for delayed trains in just one year.

Figures released to this newspaper show 34,856 successful claims have been made under the Delay Repay scheme since it was introduced by Southeastern in July, 2011, amounting to almost 100 claims every day.

Delay Repay was brought in following a campaign by long-suffering commuters. It entitles all ticket holders to claim compensation immediately, paid in rail tickets, if any journey is delayed by 30 minutes or more.

Co-founder of the Alliance of Kent Commuters, John Nicholson from Herne Bay, said the high number of claims validated what passengers had been saying for years about the train service.

And he claimed the actual figure of disrupted journeys was likely to be higher.

"Not that many people are actually claiming; the forms are fiddly and the amount you get back isn't always worth it," he said.

Mr Nicholson told KoS that passengers held up by 30 minutes or more receive £3 in ticket vouchers, or £6 if delayed for more than an hour.

But he said that his season ticket costs around £4,100 a year, and it is not worth the hassle to make claims.

"I've only claimed once when I could have claimed half a dozen times or more. There are others I know who don't claim either," he said.

"One thing that just beggars belief is that Network Rail pay Southeastern if

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WATTS TO PLAY THE PEOPLE'S PRINCESS

ROYAL ROLE: Kent-born actress portrays Princess Diana in new film – **SEE INSIDE**

EDUCATION

Girls winning battle of books

CELEBRATED author and former Kent schoolboy Michael Morpurgo has warned it could take a long time to reduce the widening reading gap between boys and girls. The War Horse author was speaking as it was revealed that girls in Kent were pulling further ahead of boys in reading achievement. **PAGE 2**

HORTICULTURE

Hampton Court medal success

KENT growers and garden designers are going home with a haul of medals after success at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show which ends this weekend. Organisers said the awards came after exhibitors had spent months planning arrangements. See our picture special. **PAGE 16**

SPORT

SA gate boost at St Lawrence

KENT will play South Africa in front of a bumper crowd next week in a warm-up game for the tourists ahead matches against England. The three-day match at the St Lawrence Ground has boosted ticket sales for the county and could be the biggest gate of the season. **PAGE 71**

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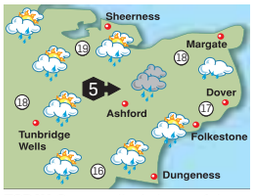

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TRANSPORT

Calls for smoother claims process to compensate passengers

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the delay is caused by them, but Southeastern doesn't pass that on to the traveller."

Mr Nicholson has drawn up a document with Canterbury City Council which will be submitted as part of the recently launched consultation into the rail franchise.

Southeastern's franchise ends on March 31, 2014, and the Department for Transport has invited communities to have a say on who should take over.

Thanet North MP Roger Gale, who has led calls for Southeastern to be stripped of its franchise, said Kent's MPs had met this week to discuss the train service.

He said he was not surprised by the high number of claims but, like Mr Nicholson, believed it was actually higher.

"In some instances they skip stops to make up the time," he said. "Even if you have been waiting on the platform for half an hour, if you get there in the given timescale on another train you can't claim."

Mr Gale also stressed there were many trains that were 20-25 minutes late and that on an hour or hour-and-a-half journey, 30 minutes was a large percentage of travel time.

But Southeastern said it was committed to providing the best possible service.

A spokeswoman said: "Unfortunately, sometimes despite ours and Network Rail's best efforts, systems do occasionally fail and delays do occur.

"We introduced the Delay Repay scheme last year to enable our passengers to claim compensation for these unavoidable delays straight away rather than wait until renewing a season ticket.

"We acknowledge it can be frustrating to be delayed, that's why we advocate the scheme and in turn the customer satisfaction on this part of the network is at record levels."

Independent rail watchdog Passenger Focus said travellers want a smoother claim process.

Manager Guy Dangerfield said: "Clearly, it is better for passengers if trains run on time and they have no need to claim compensation.

"But passengers tell us that for the times when delays do happen they want a straightforward, hassle-free means of obtaining compensation.

"A system based on 'delay repay', but with a smoother, less paper-based claims process is what passengers tell us they want, together with a means to compensate for regular delays of less than 30 minutes."

EDUCATION

War Horse author issues warning over poor standard of boys' reading

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A CELEBRATED author has warned it could take decades to reduce the widening reading gap between boys and girls.

Children's novelist Michael Morpurgo, who wrote the critically acclaimed War Horse, said the problem of the gap in reading levels was "cultural and deep-seated".

It was "therefore unlikely to be resolved quickly," he added.

The former King's School Canterbury pupil, who taught in a primary school in Kent after his studies, was giving evidence for a report being compiled by the National Literacy Trust for the All-Party Parliamentary Literacy Group Commission into boys' reading.

He said: "The effort to turn things round has to be multi-faceted and has to be sustained over decades."

Last year's SATs showed a nine per cent gap in the number of primary-age boys and girls in Kent attaining the expected level four in reading; 86 per cent of girls reached this benchmark, while only 77 per cent of boys hit the mark.

This showed a drop from the previous year when 79 per cent of boys at age 11 achieved level four, compared to 86 per cent of girls, showing a widening of the attainment gap.

WELL READ?: Fewer boys than girls are hitting the benchmark level for reading ability

Nationally last year some 60,000 boys failed to reach the expected level in reading at age 11, the time they would move on to secondary school.

This latest report into boys' reading brought together evidence from teachers, pupils, literacy experts and authors, including Mr Morpurgo.

It found the reading gender gap started at home, with parents supporting boys differently to girls. The research also showed that society's expectations of boys and peer pressure also had a negative impact on reading.

Recommendations have been put forward to the Government including boys having weekly access to male reading role models, library support, family initiatives to help parents, and school support to encourage reading for fun.

Schools minister Nick Gibb said reading for pleasure was key to boosting a young person's life chances.

"Helping children to develop a love of reading and a habit of reading for pleasure every day is key to ensuring we have well educated and literate young people by the time they leave school," he said.

Earlier this year, this newspaper reported that an innovative learning method aimed at driving up reading standards in the classroom was being snubbed by Kent's primaries, despite male pupils falling behind.

In February, just 23 per cent had signed up for the new phonics products, offered by the Department for Education to help children learn to read with sounds. Only 39 schools had booked phonics training for their staff.

The Government launched the phonics scheme last September, offering to help schools pay for the products and training through match-funding in a bid to drive up standards.

At the time, a spokeswoman at Kent County Council said the authority provided training through its own professional development programme, which included the use of phonics in primary schools which needed to improve.

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FILM

First picture of star Naomi Watts in Princess Diana film

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ON FILM: Princess Diana will be portrayed by Kent's Naomi Watts

THIS is the first picture of Kent-born actress Naomi Watts as Princess Diana, who went to school in the county.

The actress is currently filming a movie called Diana, which traces the final two years of the princess's life to her tragic death in a Paris underpass.

The mother of the future king, Prince William, she became known as the People's Princess, but her life always appeared complicated.

Affairs, controversy, TV interviews, books, and divorce all made headlines around the world before she was killed in a car crash, aged just 36.

Even the circumstances of the collision were subjected to rumour, claim and counter-claim between the Royals and millionaire Mohamed Al Fayed, father of her lover Dodi, who also died in the 1997 incident.

Watts, 43, was born in Shoreham, just six miles from Diana's school at West Heath, near Sevenoaks.

They share tragedy – the actress's father, Pink Floyd sound engineer Peter died from an apparent heroin overdose in 1974. Her parents had divorced when she was four and she was eventually taken to Australia.

After a series of edgy movies such as Mulholland Drive and The Ring, and blockbusters including King Kong, Watts was called in to take over the role of Diana after Jessica Chastain pulled out.

The film's working title is Caught in Flight, but it will be called Diana when it hits the big screen next year. Filming started last week and will continue in London and the south of England, but a movie insider believes Kent will not be a location. The crew will also be in Mozambique during the nine weeks of filming.

Watts has already been snapped in several of Diana's iconic outfits.

Filming has been taking place in Zagreb, Croatia, and it will be the first film to cover in detail Diana's death after being pursued by paparazzi.

On the set, Oscar-nominated Watts said of her part: "I'm excited and honoured to be playing the role of a remarkable woman, who had such a positive and profound impact in so many ways."

Previously, the actress had said: "She is a part of our history, an incredible woman and fascinating but a tragic ending.

"The film-makers came to me and it's a good script and it's very scary and I kind of wanted to say 'no' but I couldn't."

The director is Oliver Hirschbiegel who made Downfall, about the last days of Hitler.

Fellow Brit Naveen Andrews plays one of Diana's lovers Dr Hasnat Khan. Douglas Hodge and Juliet Stevenson, also star.

The filmmakers said Diana is a compelling portrait of the Princess of Wales during the final two years of her life. It charts how finding true personal happiness allowed her to achieve her defining successes, as she evolved into a major international campaigner and humanitarian.

Ecosse Films said: "We are very excited to be working with such a talented and creative team both in front of and behind the camera. Everyone's aim is to produce a truly insightful and compassionate study of Diana's later years."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rural eye on criminals

FARMERS and police have joined together to crack down on criminals targeting rural communities. It follows a rise in metal theft and incidents such as theft of agricultural vehicles, diesel and machinery. Farmers in east Kent have been joining officers on operations to act as the eyes and the ears of the rural community. It is being run as part of Country Eye, the Neighbourhood Watch-style support and information network for people living in the countryside.

All-out attack on weeds

WEEDS on roads and pavements that enjoyed a growth spurt thanks to the wet weather are being tackled by Kent Highways which has begun an intensive spraying programme. A further spray will be undertaken in September and October with a special focus on targeting weed growth that has taken place since the first spray. This will help deal with the problems caused by the weather conditions, as well as restricting outbreaks in the next growing season.

5 Scots hit in Army cuts

THE Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Canterbury's Howe Barracks are to be moved to Scotland to carry out public duties. 5 Scots – as they are known – will be reduced to a public duties company and moved to Scotland. It is expected the 600-strong company will be reduced by 450 with the remaining 150 moved to perform ceremonial duties at Edinburgh Castle. The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, also stationed at Howe, are not affected. It comes as part of a shake-up of the military which will see troop numbers cut by 82,000.

TRIBUTE

Death of DJ who loved 'beautiful Kent'

FORMER BBC Radio Kent and Radio 2 presenter, and founding member of commercial station Invicta, Don Durbridge has died. He was 73.

The radio veteran (pictured) first broadcast to the nation in 1955, aged 16, as co-host of the BBC Light Programme's Younger Generation. In 1974, he joined the Light Programme's successor, BBC Radio 2, as a continuity announcer and newsreader. He was also a regular cover presenter stepping into the shoes of the likes of Terry Wogan, as well as hosting Family Favourites, Friday Night is Music Night, Night Ride, and Sport on 2.

Don also worked for many years for the forces' radio service, BFBS, including at the Munich Olympics in 1972 where he secured a worldwide scoop – an interview with swimmer Mark Spitz, who had won an unprecedented at the time seven gold medals at the Games.

Born in Glasgow in 1939 and raised in south London, Mr Durbridge's adopted home was "the beautiful county of Kent" as he called it.

In 1984, he was part of the launch team for the county's first commercial radio station, Invicta Sound. In the late 80s and early 90s he worked for BBC Radio Kent as presenter of Remember When, and was also the matchday announcer at Gillingham Football Club.

After a short time working in Malta, he returned to the UK in 1997 and found himself back among the golden oldies doing what he enjoyed most when he joined Saga's national digital service, hosting the late-night show, In Mellow Mood.

He emigrated to Spain in 2006. His final radio stop was with REM FM (now Talk Radio Europe).

Mr Durbridge died after a short illness.

He is survived by his first wife, Yvonne, who lives in Margate, and also leaves a daughter, Moira, and a grandson, Teddy.

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TRANSPORT

Foreign lorry tax could ease Stack woes – but Government won't help

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A SOLUTION to problems caused by the burden of lorry traffic is unlikely to go ahead in the near future unless ministers agree to part with funds from the proposed foreign lorry tax.

Cabinet member for highways at Kent County Council, Cllr Bryan Sweetland, said the Government had a moral duty to help with a resolution.

But the Department for Transport told KoS this week the county would "definitely not" get any of the funds.

The DfT spokeswoman added: "This is just not something that is being considered by the Treasury at the moment."

Fresh calls have been made for the Government to reconsider funding a solution to Operation Stack and the knock-on effects of the thousands of HGVs that pass through the county every day going to and from the Continent.

It comes exactly a year after a high-level summit was held in Folkestone which concluded with the promise that a solution would be found at the end of 2011.

Folkestone MP Damian Collins, Dover MP Charlie Elphicke, and representatives from the county council, fire service and police, met to find a "serious and workable" answer.

At the end of discussions, Mr Collins said he was due to meet with ministers to propose that a solution to Operation Stack should be part of the national infrastructure and that a resolution would be found by the end of the year.

But despite two options on the table – one for a lorry park near Aldington and the other for a network of parks along the M20 and by Dover – nothing can be done due to lack of funding and the Government's refusal to help.

Despite the announcement earlier this year that foreign hauliers could be charged to use UK roads, ministers refused to agree to set aside any of the money for Kent even though county leaders have for years been calling for such a tax.

MOTORWAY MADNESS: Operation Stack on M20

Around 87 per cent of all international road haulage that comes into the UK arrives through Dover and the Channel Tunnel, travelling on the M20 and M2.

When the port is closed due to bad weather or disruption, Operation Stack is implemented and lorries park up on the M20 between Hythe and Cheriton and, in the worst cases, also between Ashford and Maidstone – causing huge delays and gridlock in the surrounding areas which cost the UK haulage industry £1 million a day and put businesses off investing in east Kent.

The management of Operation Stack is also expensive for Kent Police and the Highways Agency, with the bill running into the millions.

Cllr Bryan Sweetland said the Government should give Kent some of the money made from the proposed lorry tax on "moral grounds".

"Projections are some £25m a year could be made through this foreign lorry charge," he said.

"If half of that went to KCC or the Highways Agency a solution to when Operation Stack is in place could be found.

"This could either be a lorry park or smaller parks with facilities. But whatever option we pursue, we still need to find funding otherwise it's not possible.

"We've been calling for a foreign lorry tax for years. The Department for Transport has a moral responsibility to Kent seeing as nine out of 10 lorries come through here."

Cllr Sweetland said there were far-reaching problems associated with lorries, not just gridlock, including drivers using people's gardens as toilets.

Earlier this year, KoS reported that people living in Ashford had found human waste in their gardens. One unfortunate resident even caught a lorry driver in the act.

Cllr Sweetland said: "We know the problems associated with the lack of facilities and so it's important something is done.

"But we can't do this ourselves. This really comes down to contributions from all the agencies who benefit from a solution, such as the police.

"The Government has got to help; Kent came up with the foreign lorry tax plan and shoulders the burden of lorries – there is a moral responsibility there from DfT."

CRIME

Farmer's crop crushed as off-road fuel thieves target overnight lorries

FUEL thieves are sneaking up on unsuspecting lorry drivers under the cover of darkness and syphoning diesel out of their tanks.

Police said there had been a spate of fuel thefts from lorry drivers who park up in lay-bys near the M2 and M20 motorway network in east Kent, prompting officers to step up patrols on major routes.

But it's not just drivers and the freight industry suffering; farmers are complaining of damaged crops where thieves go off-road in a bid to go unnoticed as they approach their target.

Sellindge farmer Richard Price, from R Price and Sons, said thieves cut across the fields in four-wheel drive vehicles and recently destroyed his crop of oilseed rape.

"Last week was the second time it happened, but there's not much we can do about it," he said.

"Crops get flattened; they squash them to the ground. I don't really know how much damage there is yet as it makes you feel worse going and looking at what they've done.

"The thieves target lorries that have come from the Continent as fuel is cheaper over there so the vehicles are more likely to have a full tank.

"I know one driver who had 600 litres stolen."

Mr Price said the thieves strike during the night when lorry drivers are asleep, taking a break before they head off around the country the next day.

Kent Police said they have stepped up patrols around key routes.

Det Chief Insp Matthew Long said: "We have had reports of theft of fuel from lorries parked near the motorway network in east Kent. As a result we have increased patrolling around the major routes and circulated leaflets to drivers."

The freight industry admitted it was feeling the pressure from fuel thefts.

James Hookham, managing director of the Tunbridge Wells based Freight Transport Association, said he was aware of the problem.

"It has obviously escalated with the price of diesel; as it has increased so has the number of incidents with fuel being stolen from trucks," he said.

"There is no doubt it is a real problem for truck drivers, and most importantly once again highlights the problem in east Kent which has a definite lack of adequate, secure HGV parking facilities which are urgently needed in the area."

Police said investigations were continuing and appealed to anyone with information to contact officers on 101 or call Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Roof teens arrested

TWO boys were arrested in Margate on Wednesday after they were allegedly spotted on a roof in Dane Hill. Police say the pair had been acting suspiciously in an alleyway and were then seen on the roof of a three-storey building nearby, allegedly pulling up lead. A 17-year-old from Broadstairs and 15-year-old from Margate, were arrested on suspicion of theft after they had climbed down from the roof. The two have been released on bail pending further inquiries.

Water experts on tap

POLITICIANS and water industry experts have met to discuss long term solutions to 'water security' in Kent – making sure residents get secure future supplies. More than 90 representatives from organisations such as Natural England, conservation groups, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, East Malling Research, water companies, and agricultural and high-water use businesses, attended the Kent County Council conference.

Games athletes arrive

CANTERBURY Christ Church University welcomed the Puerto Rico Olympic team on Friday in preparation for London 2012. More than 35 athletes, trainers and medical staff will be staying at campus residences for two weeks. Competitors from boxing, athletics and swimming will be using the university's sporting facilities in the run up to the Games, including its sports and exercise science laboratories.

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CAMPAIGN

Get set to tell Government why an airport is too costly, not wanted, and would destroy marshes

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THIS month should – if we take the Government's word for it – see the launch of the long-awaited aviation consultation.

The Department for Transport told this newspaper just weeks ago that the anticipated aviation paper and subsequent consultation will start "before the summer".

Taking into account Parliamentary recess, that should mean in the next few weeks. But no firm date has been set, leaving people living in north Kent waiting, yet again, for a review that should have happened nearly four months ago.

This week there have been reports that a final decision on whether to build an airport in the Thames Estuary or expand Heathrow would not be made until after the general election in 2015, to avoid a fight between the Coalition parties.

This has been denied, however, by the Department for Transport. But it only goes to highlight the uncertainty that has been hanging for years over people living on the Hoo Peninsula.

CONTINUING THE FIGHT: (Left to right) Gill Moore, George Crozer and Joan Darwell, who are among the thousands protesting against plans to build a hub airport in the Thames Estuary

Joan Darwell, campaigner from Friends of the North Kent Marshes, said for her it had been going on for a decade.

"It's just going on and on – we have it hanging over us all the time," she said. "We've been through all this before. This doesn't just affect people living on the Hoo Peninsula, this affects so many more living in villages and around the Medway stretch.

"People are getting scared, they think this is getting serious. When we were fighting the Cliffe plan people were scared to bury their loved ones in the church there. It's happening again and it's terrible to see.

"We're just hoping politicians will see sense and stop this.

"This estuary airport plan could end up running on for years. People living here live in uncertainty, it's very unfair."

She added: "For Friends of the North Kent Marshes it's never been about our homes, it's about the importance of this protected area and we will keep fighting to protect it."

NO Estuary Airport

What are your views on the airport proposals? Share your opinion by writing to Airport Campaign, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS, or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk and put 'airport' in the subject.
You can sign the petition at www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk

The Department for Transport said it hoped to have a decision on a preferred option by 2013.

The Prime Minister recently hinted at a U-turn over plans for a third Heathrow runway despite, when in opposition, lambasting the Labour government for looking at the proposal.

Transport minister Justine Greening is opposed to Heathrow expansion as are a number of other senior Tories and Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, who is championing the estuary airport plan.

Many hope a decision on the future of aviation in the South East will be made as as quickly as possible, but having already experienced a delay in the consultation, sceptical campaigners are not holding their breath.

Medway Council, which is against the estuary airport proposal, is already gearing up to respond to the aviation consultation.

Deputy leader Cllr Alan Jarrett said: "We are awaiting the start of their consultation and we will put forward a full, frank and detailed response stating clearly why a Thames estuary airport is a complete non-starter.

"It is too costly; it is not wanted by a huge array of people – including some of the air industry's leading figures and City financiers; and it would needlessly devastate an area of global environmental importance.

"We know many others will also respond to the consultation stating their opposition and would urge your readers to do likewise when the consultation does start."

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SECURITY

Survivor of London tube bombing fears for safety at Olympic Games

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A LONDON bombing survivor has revealed her fear of a terror attack during the Olympic Games seven years on from the devastating 7/7 atrocities.

Beverli Rhodes, from Kennington in Ashford, was one of the hundreds caught up in the tube and bus blasts on July 7, 2005.

Ironically she was on her way to a meeting about anti-terrorism and security at the Olympics, the day after London was announced as the host of the 2012 Games.

The 52-year-old, who was a senior project consultant in anti-terrorism at the time, was on the tube travelling between King's Cross and Russell Square when it was blown up by suicide bomber Germaine Lindsay. She was thrown forward and knocked unconscious and suffered serious chest, leg and facial injuries.

She continues to suffer from severe post-traumatic stress disorder, which forced her to give up her career in security.

LONG RECOVERY: Beverli Rhodes

Ms Rhodes said had she not been caught up in the blasts, she would have been working on the upcoming Olympics.

"I would have been part of the main team delivering security infrastructure. This is still very close to my heart," she said. "I'm worried about the Games and I hope to God that nothing happens.

"I know my former colleagues will have been working hard to thwart any attempts, but it's the rogue terrorists working alone who are not under any direction that I worry about.

"Security will have been watching all the right people but it's the rogue ones that slip through the net, that's the concern. You can't make a situation 100 per cent safe."

Ms Rhodes said on July 7, which falls this weekend, she will relive each moment of terror experienced seven years ago.

"It'll run through in my head what was happening at that specific time," she said.

"I do have flashbacks. I'm off medication now after six-and-a-half years and I'm learning to cope without it. It was for my walking and balance and also for post-traumatic stress disorder, which is an ongoing thing.

"I used to have horrific nightmares and awful outbursts of being upset. I came off the medication cold turkey in January, I needed to know that I could cope without it."

Ms Rhodes said while she will travel in London, she is still unable to use the underground and recently found herself having to quickly get off a train when she realised it would be going to King's Cross.

She now holds workshops for people suffering post-traumatic stress disorder, such as soldiers and rape victims, and helps them to create survival strategies.

"I can take something worthwhile from what happened by helping others," she said.

Another Kent victim was 28-year-old Philip Russell, from East Peckham, in Tonbridge, who died following the explosion on the number 30 bus at Tavistock Square.

He had been on his way to work at JP Morgan Asset Management in the City. His parents Grahame and Veronica have since set up a scholarship fund in his name at Kingston University, where their son spent four years.

COUNTRYSIDE

RSPB's warm welcome to forestry proposals

THE RSPB in Kent has welcomed an independent report urging the Government to ensure all public forests should remain in public hands.

The report was commissioned after controversial plans unveiled in March last year which proposed the sale of Forestry Commission land.

A number of sites in Kent would have been affected, among them King's Wood in Challock, near Ashford, and Bedgebury, in Goudhurst.

But the panel of experts examining the situation said the UK's forests were a national asset that play a vital role for people and wildlife, and should not be sold-off.

There had been fears the sale of such land would prevent access or encourage commercial operations. Steve Gilbert, conservation programme manager for RSPB South East, said: "The South East is the most wooded part of England, with approximately 153,000 hectares of broadleaf native woodland, which is 61 per cent of the English total. If woodlands are healthy and well-managed they are one of our greatest natural assets."

CRIME

Locked up for six child sex offences from the 1980s

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed for three years after being found guilty of sexually abusing a child in the 1980s.

Kevin Hunt, 56, of South Park Road, Maidstone, was sentenced by Maidstone Crown Court after being found guilty of six counts of indecent assault against a child.

The offences took place in New Ash Green, Longfield, between 1980 and 1989.

The victim came forward in February, 2011, and Hunt was arrested but denied the allegations.

Sentencing, His Honour Judge Joy said that Hunt's behaviour was "a disgraceful course of conduct".

Praising the bravery of the victim, Judge Joy said Hunt had made her go through an "utterly traumatic experience".

Investigating officer, Det Con Naomi Moore from Kent Police public protection unit said: "This case highlights the importance of reporting sexual abuse; no matter how long ago it occurred. In this case, the bravery of the victim in having the courage to come forward has helped jail a man for a significant period of time.

"I would urge anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse and not reported it, or anyone who suspects abuse to be taking place, to report it to police and to be reassured that we will investigate it thoroughly and sensitively."

Hunt has also been made the subject of a sexual offences prevention order, and will have to sign the sex offenders' register for 10 years.

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JAILED: Kevin Hunt's victim came forward more than 20 years after the sex attacks were carried out

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CRIME

Estranged husband given 38 years after arson attack that killed his wife and son

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A USED-CAR salesman found guilty of murdering his wife and child in an arson attack has been jailed for 38 years.

Danai Muhammadi, 24, sprayed petrol through the letterbox of his estranged wife's home in Chatham Hill and set fire to it as they slept.

Melissa Crook, 20, and their 15-month-old son Noah died in the fire on September 10 last year. Her father – Mark Crook, 48, died later that week in hospital from severe injuries.

Two other people in the house at the time – Melissa's mother Amanda, 49, and her brother Bohdan, 21 – were able to escape to safety through upstairs windows. They suffered burns and injuries.

Muhammadi, of Brittania Street, Coventry, was found guilty of three counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

During a six-week trial, Maidstone Crown Court heard how Muhammadi drove with his girlfriend Emma Smith from Coventry to friend and co-defendant Farhad Mahmud's house in Maidstone.

Under the cover of darkness, Muhammadi and Mahmud then drove to Chatham, stopping on the way to fill a fuel canister and garden sprayer with petrol.

At around 2.15am they squirted petrol through the letter box. The petrol was ignited, and within minutes flames had engulfed the hallway and stairs of the property cutting off the family's escape route.

Door supervisor Mahmud, 35, of Fernhill Road, Maidstone, denied three counts of murder and two of attempted murder.

He was found guilty and was sentenced to 34 years.

Unemployed Smith, 22, formerly of The Barley Lea, Coventry, was sentenced to 14 years after being found guilty of the manslaughter of all three victims. She was found not guilty of the attempted murder charges.

Det Chief Inspector David Chewter, from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate said: "This was one of the most tragic cases I have dealt with in 24 years of policing and my thoughts are with the Crook family who lost three generations of their close-knit family as a result of the fire which was deliberately set by someone they had welcomed into their family.

"The sentences reflect the severity of the charges and I hope the Crook family can now move on with their lives.

"They have been torn apart and will forever have to live with the consequences of the selfish actions of others."

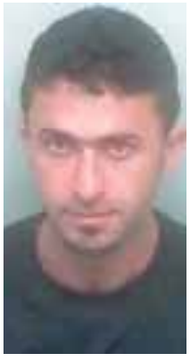
Earlier this month, Amanda Crook spoke of her devastation.

She said: "We will never live there again. Never. We have no photographs, we've got no possessions. There are very few things we've managed to salvage: there's nothing of Melissa's, there's nothing of Mark's, there's nothing of mine, there's nothing of Bohdie's.

"We've got, really, nothing.

"The only thing I walked out that house with was my pyjamas which the police took, and my glasses, that was it."

Melissa and Muhammadi married in Rochester in 2009, and moved to Coventry, but the pair split and Melissa moved back in with her family in Kent with Noah in March, 2011.



SENTENCED: (l-r) Melissa Crook and her son Noah, were killed after Danai Muhammadi, his girlfriend Emma Smith and doorman Farhad Mahmud set fire to the Crook house in Chatham

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News

PLANNING

New primary school would be a 'blight on the landscape'

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PLANS for a new primary school would be a "blight on the landscape" according to countryside campaigners.

But Kent County Council has denied it is destroying a beautiful area of Benenden.

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, said the plans need to be scrapped and it launched a bitter attack on KCC's proposal for a new primary school on open land in the Weald of Kent.

It said the idea was appalling as this is a prominent, elevated spot visible for miles around and will "suburbanise this attractive village" with the proposed lighting making it particularly intrusive.

There are three footpaths crossing the site, with one of them part of the High Weald Landscape Trail.

Kate Ashbrook, the society's general secretary, said: "We are opposed to the development of this highly-visible open land which is crossed by public footpaths.

"The buildings would blight the landscape of the High Weald Landscape Trail. We believe the new primary school should be sited in a less sensitive place."

But the council is adamant any impact will be minimal and will look in detail at the society's concerns.

The council said: "During the development of the design there were several public consultations; at the early stage when concept plans were presented, and more recently in June, 2011, when the detailed design was presented to the public in an exhibition in the village hall followed by an exhibition at the church.

"At that exhibition, there was overwhelming support for the proposal with 90 per cent of respondents supporting it.

"Kent County Council recognises the landscape value of the site; therefore careful consideration has been given to the landscaping and how the building fits into the site and its surroundings.

"As a consequence the proposed building has been partially set into the landscape to minimise its impact.

"Kent County Council is aware of the footpaths crossing this site, and it is proposed to divert the existing footpaths. If the application is approved, the diversions will be the subject of a separate application on conclusion of the planning process.

"The project is being considered for planning approval and this presents an opportunity for all to comment. The concerns raised by the Open Spaces Society will be considered as part of this process."

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TRANSPORT

Groundbreaking 'lane rental' fees to ease peak-time roadwork delays

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COMPANIES digging up busy roads could be forced to pay premium rates of up £2,000 a day during peak times.

The so-called 'lane rental' scheme aims to minimise disruption by making sure firms finish work on key routes as quickly as possible.

Highways chiefs at County Hall have begun consulting on plans and if given the green light will become the first county council in England to move forward with this type of scheme.

Cabinet member for environment, highways and waste at KCC, Cllr Bryan Sweetland, said the initiative was aimed at keeping disruption to drivers to a minimum.

"The lane rental scheme will also encourage these firms to work at less disruptive times," he added.

Charges would apply at certain times of day and at particular times of year in tourist areas or on school-sensitive routes.

Road closures would be charged at £2,000 and £1,600 a day, and lane closures would be £800, 400, £600, or £300 dependent on disruption caused and location. Revenue generated by the scheme would be invested in further work to cut congestion in Kent.

It follows the introduction two years ago of the Kent Permit Scheme, which requires companies to apply for permission to dig up a road.

This allows KCC to manage and co-ordinate works – getting firms to work at the same time instead of digging holes separately – minimising jams and delays suffered by motorists and other road users.

The permit scheme also allows the council to apply conditions on road works, such as increasing the number of gangs, lengthening the hours worked each day, restricting work to holiday periods, and working a seven-day week, to make sure the job gets done in the shortest possible time.

It has cut the duration of road works by one day in every 20, according to a report published into the scheme's first year.

For further information on the 12-week Kent Lane Rental scheme consultation go to www.kent.gov.uk/kentlane2012.

CONED OFF: Charges will vary

CRIME

Police seize tattoo gear

TRADING Standards joined police in raiding a house in Gravesend – arresting a 21-year-old and seizing thousands of pounds worth of cannabis and tattoo equipment.

The raid in Shamrock Road saw officers discover a hydroponics factory and £6,000 worth of cannabis plants, as well as equipment to create tattoos.

A man was arrested on suspicion of actual bodily harm and bailed until July 19 pending further investigations.

BUSINESS

Traders' Olympic blow

STALLHOLDERS trying to cash in on the Olympics found themselves in hot water when Trading Standards stepped up their patrols.

Medway Council's team seized counterfiet mobile phone covers being sold for £5 on a market stall.

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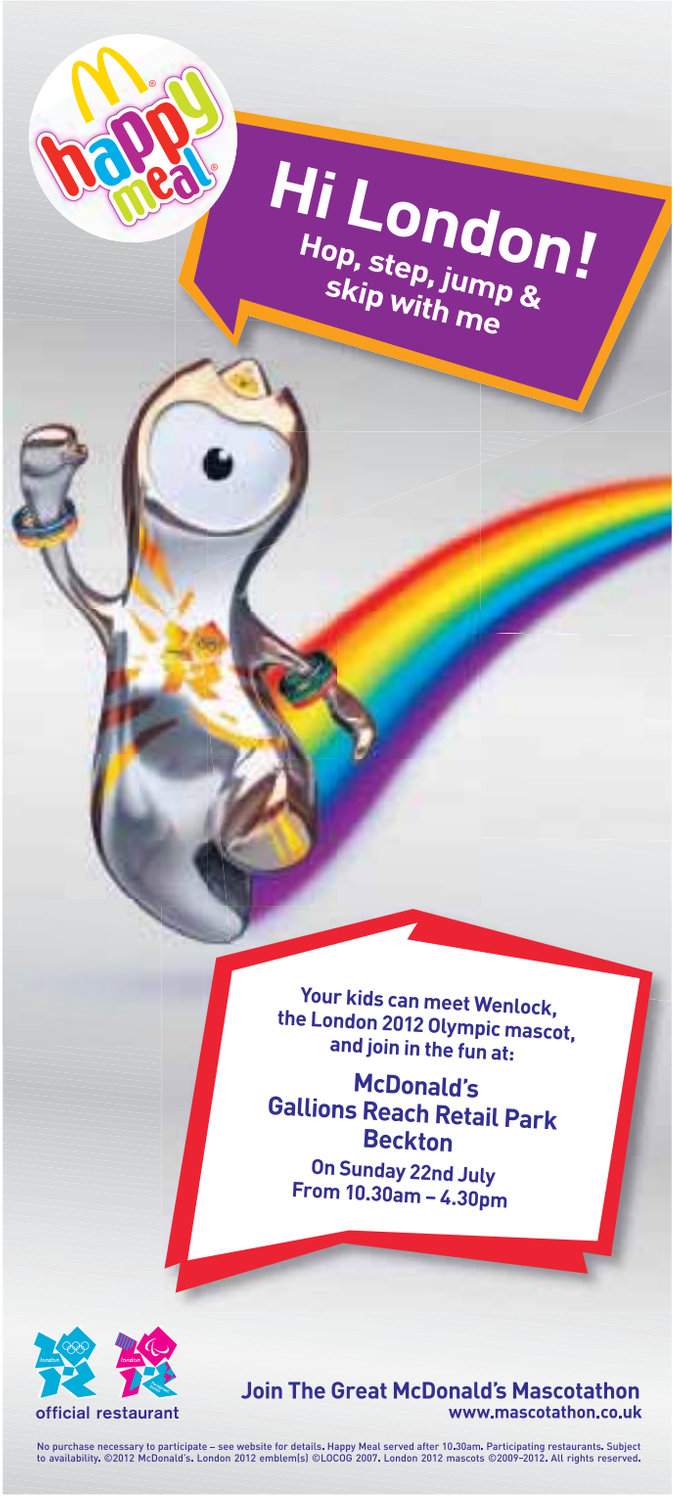

HORTICULTURE

A growing reputation as county's gardeners win at Hampton Court

By Chris Murphy
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THERE is a bouquet of Kent winners at the biggest flower show in the world.

It is the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show which ends this weekend, and organisers said the awards came after exhibitors had spent months planning their arrangements.

The prizes recognise the highest standards of garden design and horticulture skills.

The Student Design and Build Award 2011 went to Susan Willmott and Adele Ford, whose exhibit called Coastal Drift was sponsored by Wyevale East Nurseries.

They took a gold with their garden design, and said: "We chose plants and materials that you would associate with the coast such as sun-bleached timber, pebbles and shingle.

"Planting includes typical coastal plants that will tolerate salt wind and will grow in freedraining soil. Tall structural plants – offering seeds, flowers invite beneficial insects, such as bees and butterflies.

"The concept is taken directly from the waves of the sea, represented by the shapes of the wall and choice of planting. The back feature wall is curved and planted with grasses.

"Swathes of grasses add movement and the habit and tones of planting – including blue-green tones of the Eucalyptus gunnii, harmonise with the sea theme.

"The waves of the planting are a metaphor for the tidal water below the deck."

Awards are made in three categories: flora for exhibits of gardens, flowers and ornamental plants; Lindley for exhibits of special scientific or educational interest; and Grenfell which is for exhibits of pictures, photographs, flower beds, floral arrangement and floristry.

Other Kent winners include Downderry Nursery, near Sevenoaks, taking a gold in Best Exhibit in the Floral Marquee with its lavender.

Cookoo Box Nursery took Silver Flora for its exhibit of vegetables, herbs and fruit; and Brookfield Plants near Ashford won Silver Gilt Flora for its Hemerocallis, a floral marquee.

And also taking Silver Gilt Flora was Madrona Nursery, also near Ashford, for its unusual perennials, rare shrubs and grasses.

Going home with a bronze in flora was Eastcroft Roses for its rose festival.

Meanwhile, Hadlow College and Canterbury College both took Silver Gilt Grenfell awards for their entries; Canterbury for its roses.

Hadlow's exhibit was on the theme of The Romance of Roses and was inspired by The Lady of Shalott by Tennyson.

Adult tickets range from £14.50 to £32.50, and each full paying adult can take two children under 16 for free.

TOP-NOTCH: Adele Ford and Susan Willmott's exhibit Coastal Drift (top above) and Hadlow College's offering (right) won awards at this year's Hampton Court show which was attended by a host of stars including Gail Porter (left) Picture: ANDY PARADISE

ARMED FORCES

Spitfire tribute for the Few

A SPITFIRE and Hurricane will display over Capel-le-Ferne on Sunday, July 15, during a ceremony to mark the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The National Memorial to the Few will welcome surviving veterans of the battle as the nation pays its respects to the bravery of the nearly 3,000 airmen who took to the sky to end Nazi invasion plans in the summer and early autumn of 1940.

CRIME

Three arrests in drugs raid

THREE men and a woman were arrested early on Tuesday morning after a hydroponics factory was discovered by police in Faversham Road, Seasalter

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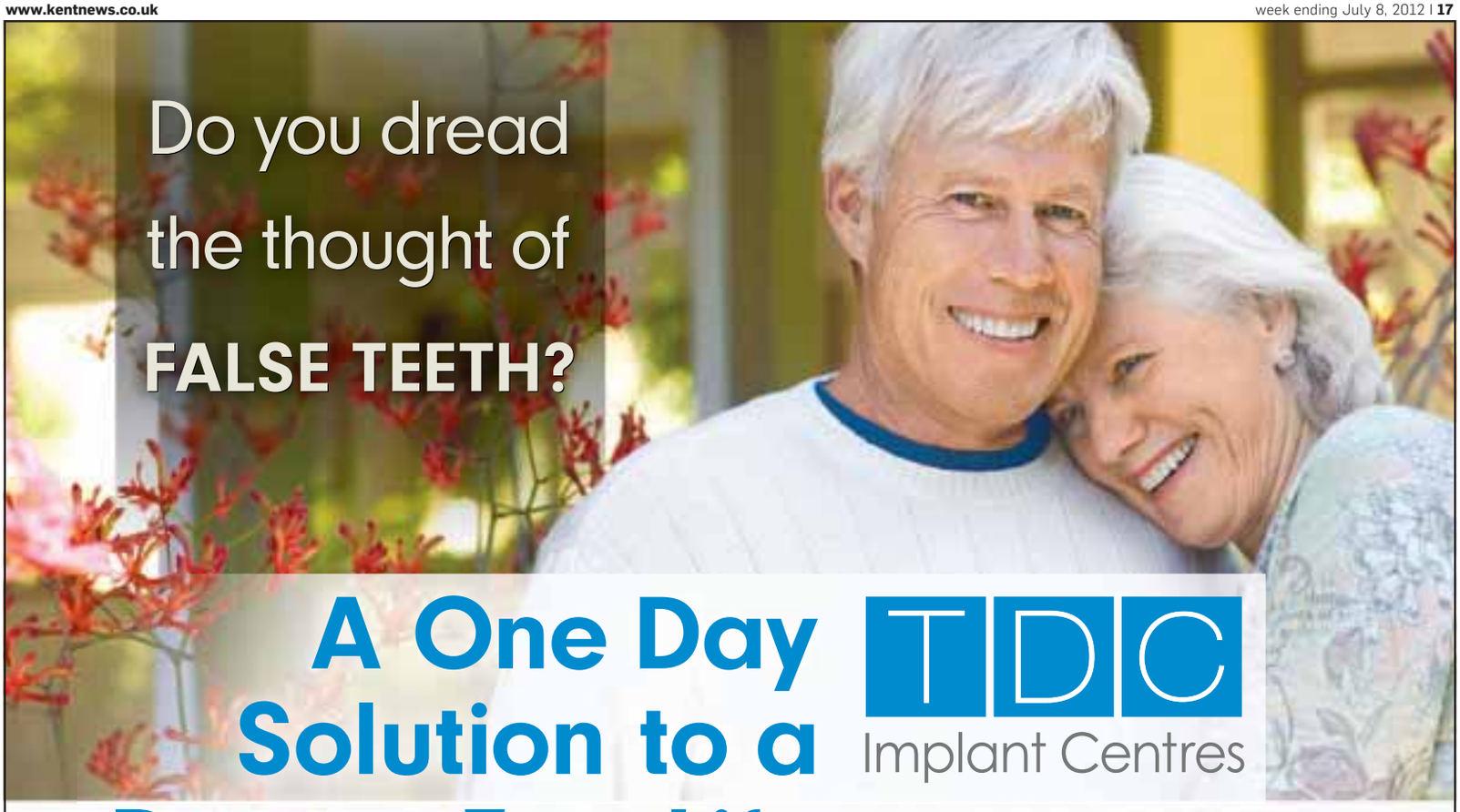

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ENTERTAINMENT

Bear jet-pack crossing beaten by bad weather

BEAR Grylls was set to cross the Channel using a water-powered jet pack on Thursday – but organisers had to call it off due to bad weather. The survival expert and chief scout was planning to become the first man to attempt the journey with the jets strapped to his feet. The attempt was to raise funds and awareness for the Scout Association. A spokesman for the Scouts said: "He has been beaten by the elements. It is a big disappointment." The spokesman said due to Grylls' filming commitments it was unclear when he would attempt the challenge again

HERITAGE

Guide to discovering your family's history

DO you want to find out more about your family history, what your ancestors did for a living, and where they came from? Residents are invited to take part in a six-week course for the over 50s entitled An Introduction to Ancestry Research in Hawkhurst. The course is being run at WRAP – Weald Rural Activities Partnership – based at Grove Mills, Cranbrook Road. It covers sources available on the web to help with research and demonstrates how to build a basic family free. Cost is £5 per session and the course starts on Monday, July 16, running for five Mondays after that. For details and booking call 01580 755869.

PARENTING

Room for one more as family of 11 prepare for another little addition

By Chrissie Daniels
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A COUPLE who already have 11 children are expecting baby number 12 – and aren't ruling out the possibility of more in the future.

Tania and Michael Sullivan from Hoo, are well known for their brood after appearing in a Channel 4 documentary in January.

The couple have nine children between them: Caitlin, 12; Harry, nine; Eddie, seven; Sid, six; Paddy, five; Oliver, three; Joseph, one; and eight-month-old twins Anna and Libby.

Mrs Sullivan, 37, also has two children, Ben, 19, and Stephanie, 18, from a previous relationship.

Now Mrs Sullivan is 18 weeks pregnant with her 12th baby, due on December 2.

The couple, who have been married for 10 years, believe every pregnancy is a blessing, particularly after suffering eight miscarriages in the past.

Previous reports have suggested their reasons for having children were solely down to religion; Mr Sullivan is a Catholic and Mrs Sullivan is Greek Orthodox.

However, they say they also researched the contraceptive pill and didn't agree with the way it works.

Mrs Sullivan said: "There was never a time where we decided we would have a lot of children. We're happy to have more children, but don't feel we can plan on having more as the miscarriages have made us wary, but they've also made us appreciate how precious the gift of life is and how lucky a person is to be able to conceive and carry a child.

BIGGER BY THE DOZEN: Michael and Tania Sullivan are getthing ready for one more child to go with the 11 the couple already have between them, with an age range of eight months to 19-years-old

"We also researched and didn't agree on the way contraceptives worked or on the reasons for using them. If a couple is in a solid marriage and happy to be parents again, why use a contraceptive and stop it just because it's expected for you to?

"If it [pregnancy] happens, then great. We love having the kids and we are blessed when we do fall pregnant. There's no target – if this was our last one then that's fine."

Mrs Sullivan also spoke out against people who criticise the family for their faith.

She said: "There is nothing wrong with having a faith. It's important for the children to learn about faith. But it's not something we push on them."

The couple live in a five-bedroom house with 10 of their children. Daughter Stephanie lives in Surrey, working as a marketing consultant.

Mrs Sullivan said: "They all get on really well. They squabble, but it works somehow."

The children are all home schooled, but Mrs Sullivan says they still integrate with other children, going to camps and joining clubs.

Mr Sullivan, 39, is a self-employed joiner and the family also get an income from adverts on their blogging website www.largerfamilylife.com.

They say companies approach them regularly to promote their products, but they turn away work because they don't want to "sell out" as their blog is based on "trust".

The couple's latest venture is a partnership with games giant Drummond Games, promoting a range of board games which will go on sale in September. Mrs Sullivan took five of the children to a 'Christmas in July' event this week to promote the games.

■ **More news at www.yourmedway.co.uk.**

AVIATION

Government 'procrastinating' over verdict on Lydd airport expansion

PATIENCE is wearing thin over the Government's slow progress on making a decision on the expansion of Lydd Airport.

Last year's six-month planning inquiry ended with hopes of a decision in spring of this year.

But Lydd residents are still waiting.

Communities secretary Eric Pickles and transport secretary Justine Greening will make the final decision based on the planning inspector's report.

A spokeswoman for the Department for Communities and Local Government said ministers were giving the planning case proper consideration.

"We received the inspector's report in March and will announce a decision as soon as possible," she said.

Chairman of Shepway Labour Party Donald Worsley, writing in newsletter The Hythe Looker, accused planning officials of "procrastinating".

LONG WAIT: Lydd residents were promised a decision in the spring

The planning inquiry ran from February-September, 2011, with evidence from supporters, opposition and industry experts.

Bosses at London Ashford Airport (Lydd Airport), who put forward the proposals, want to extend the runway by 294 metres with a 150m starter extension as well as a new terminal capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers per year.

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The Academy is currently a dual-site school, with one Campus in Magpie Hall Road and another in nearby Letchworth Avenue. On each Campus there are key facilities which are of interest to the community - two large Assembly Halls, two modern Sports Halls, two modern Dance Studios, a traditional Gym and a number of fully equipped Cookery Rooms and Art Studios.

There are also around 50 Classrooms, which are suitable for teaching a whole range of adult education/community interest subjects, or for businesses to run training courses, plus several small Meeting Rooms which are suitable for local businesses and community groups.

Each Academy site has several Hard-Courts, marked for tennis, netball and five-a-side football.

"*We have a large school site, particularly at our Magpie Hall Road Campus, and some very good facilities.*" said Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal. "*It's only right that our facilities are made available to the local community and the local business community when not in use by our own students.*" he said.

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The Academy also has extensive Playing Fields at its Magpie Hall Road Campus and is making two of the fields available. Both are currently marked with pitches for playing football and good quality equipment, such as netted goals, would be provided.

Facilities at both of the Academy Campuses can be made available for hire by the community in the evenings, at weekends and daytime during school holidays - subject to Academy events.

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Bishop of Rochester Academy

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"*We've only just announced that we're making the Academy facilities available to the community and we already have bookings from a Martial Arts Club and a Fitness Class, and we've recently taken enquiries for a Judo Competition, a pre-Wedding Party and from a local Primary School to use one of our fields to run their Football Club training.*" said Annie Burrell, the Academy's Facilities Hire Co-ordinator.

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The Bishop of Rochester Academy's £23 Million new building is currently under construction on the Academy's East Campus site in Magpie Hall Road and Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal, has confirmed that the State-of-the-Art facilities in the 'NEW' building will also be made available for community use when it's completed next year, Spring 2013.

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RELIGION

Bishop fears Christians could be banned from becoming doctors

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CHRISTIANS are at risk of being silenced in the workplace according to the Bishop of Dover, who fears believers could be prevented from the "caring and educational professions".

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott said he is concerned people of faith have to "turn off" their religion at the workplace after Margate GP Richard Scott was given an official warning for speaking about his religion in a consultation with a patient.

The bishop said: "I am anxious about expectations in some parts of our society that Christians should seek to compartmentalise their faith.

"It seems we are somehow expected to turn off our faith when we step through the doors of our workplace.

"Will it soon be the case that society actively disqualifies Christians from the caring and educational professions?"

The bishop is the right-hand man of the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams and carries out his diocese work while the Archbishop deals with national and international Church businesses.

Dr Scott was told he had "crossed the line" when he told a patient at Bethesda Medical Centre in Margate that he may see health benefit from adopting the Christian faith over his own religion.

Dr Scott was given an official warning by the General Medical Council after it was found he told the patient that if he didn't "turn towards Jesus and hand Jesus his suffering, then (he) would suffer for the rest of his life".

FRAGMENTED SOCIETY: Rt Revd Trevor Willmott

The GP was also said to have claimed the patient's own religion could not offer him any protection and "no other religion in the world could offer what Jesus could offer him".

However, the Bishop of Dover believes there is a place for faith in caring professions and there was a risk that society could become further divided if religion was silenced completely.

He added: "Restricting the expression of Christian faith could foster a society that was even more fragmented – one where the common good was relinquished in favour of individuals' rights.

"Where the fear of upsetting individuals and the fear of disciplinary action in the workplace means Christians will cease to challenge society to change and improve."

These views are challenged by atheist group British Humanist Association though, which insists there is limited space for religion in the workplace.

National Secular Society president Terry Sanderson said: "It's all very well for these bishops and religious people to say there is marginalisation at work and workers, but what is actually happening is co-workers are being protected.

"If you're serving the public, as Dr Scott was using public money to do it, and trying to persuade people to change their religion, that's not acceptable and his professional body said it wasn't acceptable.

"There is room for religion in work, but not at that level."

British Humanism Association's head of public affairs added: "A doctor's personal religious beliefs, however deeply held, are not medical care and clearly should not become part of the service they provide to the community.

"The duty of care that a doctor or other medical practitioners have towards patients does not include proselytising. Individuals should have the right to express their religion, but not in a way which infringes on the rights of others."

DEVELOPMENT

Deadline looming on waste consultation

THE deadline is approaching for people to have a say on preferred options for controversial mineral and waste sites in Kent.

The consultation, which closes on Monday, July 23, is the second stage in a three-part process that makes up the minerals and waste site plans, which Kent County Council is required to develop by law.

Of the original 106-site proposals, 25 have been identified as preferred options in the minerals plan, which include sites for aggregate recycling, and 21 as preferred options for waste uses.

These are considered to be the best, most sustainable and deliverable solutions for Kent's minerals and waste needs up to the end of 2030.

Following this, the next stage is consultation on the draft Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Sites Plan, which will eventually be adopted by the council after an examination in public conducted by an independent planning inspector – a process similar to a public inquiry.

To comment see http://bit.ly/MVQuXO.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tears of joy as Gazza to thrill the crowds once again

ONE of English football's best-ever players, Paul Gascoigne, will be making an appearance at Dartford's Orchard Theatre.

An Audience with Paul Gascoigne has been confirmed for Thursday, November 8, and the stories are sure to flow.

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MEDIA

Kent Life celebrates 50 years of recording the county's red letter days

By Sarah Sturt
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KENT Life was launched in 1962 with a cover price of two shillings and just 52 pages of almost exclusively black and white photographs and advertisements.

Now part of Archant Lifestyle, the magazine division of the Archant group, a family-owned business that started more than 160 years ago, Kent Life celebrated its golden anniversary with a party and a June collector's edition, which gave us the chance to look back over the intervening decades and see how much has changed.

For example, while we now regularly feature properties in the million-pound bracket, in the June, 1962, Kent Life you'll find advertised for sale a "superior and charming detached residence" in Sevenoaks, with seven bedrooms no less – at £13,250.

■ The August edition of Kent Life is on sale from July 18 and includes a guide to the best beaches in Kent.

There are also different outdoor activities to try, inspired by this summer of sport – from archery at Hever Castle to Nordic walking at Bedgebury Pintetum, and riding the surf at Viking Bay, Broadstairs.

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The last 50 years have seen radical changes to Kent, especially in the transformation of its transport system: the arrival in the 1960s of the M2 and M20 and, 20 years later, the M26 and M25 motorways (Freedom from the juggernaut! trumpeted Kent Life in 1980).

Kent Life also reported on the completion of the Channel Tunnel in 1994, High Speed 1, and Ebbsfleet International in 2007, the staggered opening of the Dartford Crossing (the west tunnel in 1963, the east in 1980, and the bridge in 1991). It's hard to imagine our lives today without any of these vital communication links.

The magazine continues to reflect a changing, growing and vibrant county – from the arrival in 1999 of new retail giant Bluewater, carved out of a chalk quarry, to the opening of the Turner Contemporary gallery in April, 2011, and its subsequent impact on Margate's exciting revival as Kent's new cultural heart.

And a lifesaving £11 million in 1984 enabled Chatham Dockyards to re-launch as a tourist centre, transforming the whole area.

THEN AND NOW: Kent Life has certainly come on a long way since it was first published back in 1962

But some things remain constant and Kent Life retains its strong community feel, with an emphasis on 'faces and places'.

We put three towns each month 'in the spotlight' and always make sure we talk to the people who live and work in the area to get their insider viewpoint.

One of our most popular sections has always been our Social pages, and we love showcasing red letter county occasions. Our Kent Character feature enable us to introduce readers to everyone from High Sheriffs, church leaders and dignitaries to Kent actors, dancers, TV stars, authors and athletes.

Food and drink plays an increasingly important part in the magazine, especially with the increasing interest in local produce, grow-your-own and farmers' markets.

As such a strong farming county, the countryside will always be important to your leading county magazine.

Our ethos is celebratory and there is much to celebrate in this great county of ours.

It's been an extraordinary half century in the county and Kent Life has faithfully reflected its highs and lows in words and pictures, and will continue to do so.

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• *Sarah Sturt is the current editor of Kent Life.*

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COMPETITION

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News

COUNTRYSIDE

We need water and web on tap says new rural champion

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WATER and broadband – that's what rural businesses need in large quantities, and are the main priorities of the new champion of the countryside.

Nick Sandford has become the new chairman of the Kent branch of the Country Land and Business Association.

The resident agent for the Godinton Estate, Ashford, said he is determined to see decent internet connections installed for rural businesses.

And he is also concerned about the recent water shortages affecting agriculture.

Mr Sandford said: "The CLA represents the interests of farmers and landowners. Our priorities are to ensure the rural sector is well represented which is even more important today, with the economy the way it is.

"Kent has an active rural sector leading the field in horticulture, and soft fruit production."

The most pressing worry for rural businesses is water supply.

RURAL ISSUES: Nick Sandford

Mr Sandford said: "There are always various pressures, and the huge challenge in the next few years is water supply.

"The production of top quality green vegetables and other agricultural products does need to have a good water supply.

"We need to ensure agriculture and horticulture has a good and reliable and sustainable water supply because otherwise food production can be hit. This is more important than people hosing down their cars on a Sunday morning."

At the other end of the technology spectrum, he said a good internet connection is vital to rural businesses.

The chartered surveyor, who has worked for the National Trust for a decade, said: "About 40 per cent of Kent's businesses are rural based, and they all need broadband these days. Anyone producing fruit or other foods for the big supermarkets need a connection so they can react quickly to new orders."

He will also be advocating local rural services, protecting property rights, and encouraging rural diversification to create local jobs in the rural economy.

And CLA South East acting regional director Tim Brock, added: "The CLA represents 830 landowner and business members in Kent.

"With Nick's breadth of experience, I am confident that he will be a worthy and committed chairman."

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CHARITY

Poppy collection could end as veteran organiser retires

By Chris Murphy
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AN URGENT call has gone out for an organiser to run this year's poppy appeal in south Tunbridge Wells.

For the past 15 years, Margaret Brown has organised the annual appeal, but she has now retired and a replacement is desperately needed.

Before becoming an organiser, Mrs Brown was a collector for almost 50 years. Last year she helped the organisation raise more than £12,000.

The Royal British Legion said: "It will be a shame for all of Margaret's hard work to go to waste, but without a new volunteer to take on the role there can be no poppies in south Tunbridge Wells this year."

There has been a previous appeal for an organiser, but no-one came forward and time is getting short for someone to take over this year's appeal in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday on November 11.

Malcolm Blythman, poppy organiser for Tunbridge Wells, said: "We would be happy to advise and support anyone who took on the role as we have many years experience here in the branch.

"You don't need any military connection to be a poppy organiser, you just need to be organised, enjoy working with others and have a desire to help our Service family.

"The role includes ordering supplies, delivering tins and poppies, counting and banking money and organising a rota of volunteers to man supermarket collections through the two weeks of the Poppy Appeal. This is a challenging role, but it is very rewarding."

And Clare Saunders, community fundraiser for west Kent, added: "With public support, the Legion can continue its crucial work helping our Armed Force family.

"Last year 160,000 people were helped nationally from all conflicts since World War One. We have made a £50 million funding commitment to pay for the Royal British Legion Battle Back Centre.

"This will be a national centre of excellence for activity based rehabilitation to help wounded, injured and sick Armed Forces personnel regain their fitness and return to duty, or reskill and make a successful transition to civilian life.

"'Standing shoulder to shoulder with all who Serve', the Legion's strapline, describes perfectly what our volunteers do when they take on the role of poppy organiser."

■ **Anyone who wants to volunteer to step in to Margaret Brown's shoes can telephone Clare Saunders on 01622 722292 or email csaunders@britishlegion.org.uk.**

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REVIEW

Festival lets us overindulge in legendary stars

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Chris Britcher reflects on three days of entertainment and more ageing rockers than you can shake a walking stick at

THE Hop Farm Festival faced the risk of being a victim of its own success this year.

Twelve months ago, it fired a cannon of intent which hit the critics and audience right between the eyes with such clout it elevated the festival's reputation sky high.

Morrissey and Prince delivered sets so splendid that cheers were almost drowned out by the thunking of awe-struck fans' jaws on the ground.

By the time you'd blended in the likes of Eagles, Brandon Flowers, Iggy Pop and Patti Smith, and the weekend felt like it had a well-crafted air about it, uniting the influential and the pioneering with running orders that reached a real peak by the time the final encore had been belted out.

All of which led to high anticipation for the 2012 Hop Farm Festival. Until, that is, the line-up was announced. Those noisy jaws were replaced with shoulders slumping, if only because some of the big names were so familiar to the event.

Ray Davies had been here before, ditto Patti Smith and, jumbo ditto, Bob Dylan. And where last year Prince reigned on the Sunday night closing slot, this year it was Suede. Things just weren't the same.

Yet by the time Brett Anderson had stomped off the stage, the Hop Farm had proved that while it was unable to hit the mountainous highs of last year, it could still reach base camp.

There were, of course, some stand out performances. Primal Scream provided a Dylan alternative which was hailed a triumph, while Kool & The Gang surprised many.

And just when it needed a real kick up the backside, Richard Ashcroft emerged and single-handedly changed everything. The Sunday had been interspersed by downpours to scatter the audience, but by early evening the former Verve frontman took to the stage and suddenly the Sun came out, staying for the rest of the day.

A greatest hits selection drawn from the vaults of the Verve and his solo material, delivered with a voice bristling with power, clarity, intensity and conviction, made the set impossible to dislike – for many he took the festival crown.

Perhaps, just perhaps, he would have made for a better headliner than Suede. But that would be harsh on Brett Anderson and crew, who ripped through a greatest hits that halted many a festival-goer in their dash for the car park.

Peter Gabriel had headlined the first day, following in the tracks of funk lord George Clinton and Kinks' frontman Ray Davies, packing in the classics.

Gabriel's dazzling display of lights and videos provided a treat for the eyes, with the power of a full orchestra making it something of a spectacular show. His performance, however, was perhaps best summed up by one viewer who quipped "it was alright if you like Peter Gabriel".

ENTERTAINING: From left: Bob Dylan, Brett Anderson, Athlete, and Richard Ashcroft

Saturday's noticeably bigger audience were warmed by sunshine and Sir Bruce Forsyth making his first festival appearance at the tender age of 84.

The crowd which met him was huge and you had to be pretty hard-hearted not to raise a smile during this chance to see a man whose ability to work an audience was only too apparent. It was, indeed, nice to see him, to see him nice.

Randy Crawford chuckled her way through her set, and Patti Smith cranked up the atmosphere with what everyone wanted on an early Saturday evening – a bit of a rock out.

For many, however, the weekend was about one man – and for the second year running it was a diminutive singer-songwriter from Minnesota. But while Prince has realised to command big crowds he needs to play the hits, Bob Dylan has taken the opposite approach.

Musically, the set was polished, the occasional hit well disguised, but for the casual observer, the sound of his singing (as if someone has run a lawnmower over his vocal chords) was difficult to square with his past performances.

But you don't expect Dylan to deliver a crowd-pleasing smorgasbord of classic, faithfully reproduced, hits. No. You come to tick one of the industry's greats off your 'must see' list.

Whether that is sufficient for a festival to hang its hat on, however, remains to be seen.

The Hop Farm Festival is a great event. It is well-run, nicely located, and provides some real star power. But, it needs to guard against being a little too self-indulgent.

Peter Gabriel, Suede and Bob Dylan are uncomfortable bed fellows, and while such a blend is often its strength, it can create a line-up which has the hint of the artists' names being drawn at random as to where and when they'll perform.

However sophisticated the palate of the audience, 99 per cent of a festival crowd want nothing other than to be entertained – to have a few beers, let their hair down and dance to songs they're familiar with, or at least be manipulated by such a master of stage craft you end up under their spell.

Star power, established some 30 years ago, is worthy of note, certainly. But a festival needs to create a buzz; to give the audience the impression they are at something special.

The Hop Farm Festival achieves that rarest of things in the over-crowded festival market and that is of a point of diffence; providing legendary names to an audience who appreciate real music. The event is exploiting that niche well but it should not cover its ears to concerns over the fact many of the big names had been there so recently. If Van Morrison and Paul Weller are included next year I fear a backlash.

For now, though, let us rejoice in a weekend which managed – for the most part – to avoid the rain that has dogged many events this summer; to rejoice in the big names but, perhaps most of all, rejoice in the fact this great festival is right on our doorsteps.

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KENT **REMEMBERED**

SEAWORTHY: One of the Navy's nuclear submarines undergoes refitting work at Chatham dockyard

Navigating the rise and fall of our navy's key shipbuilding yard

By Chris Murphy
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FOR centuries Chatham dockyard was the powerhouse behind Britain's naval domination before it finally became too small to build a new breed of supersized warships.

Finally, after building Nelson's flagship the Victory and a host of other warships to defend our shores, work at the yard started to slump, with Margaret Thatcher signing its death sentence in 1984.

A new book details those halcyon days when Chatham was a mast above other shipbuilders in the UK.

Author, and former Medway resident, Philip MacDougal has penned several books on the area, but this is the one closest to his heart.

Called Chatham Dockyard: The Rise and Fall of a Military Industrial Complex, it was published this week by History Press, and it could help the yard's bid to become a World Heritage Site.

Mr MacDougal said: "This book is important because Chatham is often under-valued.

"For a long period of time, it was the largest and most important naval dockyard in the country. That means it was underpinning British naval sea power that went on to dominate the entire world.

"Of the ships at Trafalgar the biggest single number were built in the Chatham area. Three were built at the dockyard and a fourth on the Medway, opposite the dockyard.

THE END: Africa was the Navy's last battleship to be built at Chatham dockyard, and it was launched to sea on May 20, 1905

"It was the powerhouse of the British navy. The key is Chatham was a shipbuilding yard and not like Portsmouth, which was just a base."

Mr MacDougal called his new book the 'rise and fall' because the base had periods of ups and downs as it battled for work from private yards.

He said: "It had a second period of major importance during the mid-19th century when it was the first government dockyard to build an ironclad warship, the Achilles.

"As a result, it basically went on to pioneer developments in steam and iron ship building. This was significant because it saved the dockyard, well, until Mrs Thatcher closed it down."

The book contains more than 60 photos, maps and drawings.

Mr MacDougal said: "Things started to go awry when the dreadnaughts and super dreadnaughts came along in 1905 and 1906, they were too large for Chatham. They were launched in Portsmouth and were super-sized battleships.

"At that point, Chatham lost its prestige of building the new battleships. Every new battleship in the 19th century, the first in the class, was always built in Chatham because it was the lead yard. A new specialism then came along – submarines – and Chatham rose again. But sadly, decline started in the early 20th century."

He said after the closure, the Historic Dockyard Chatham was launched to recall the days of old, and the rest became a new shopping, entertainment and residential centre.

Mr MacDougal continued: "I lived in Medway for a good 25 years, but have also lived in areas with other dockyards, so I have a very good idea how Chatham ranked with others around Britain. As a historian, I took a great interest in how the yards came about and the life inside them."

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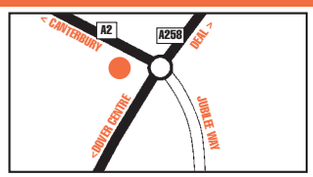

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OPINION

We will ground estuary airport

Campaigner **Jamie Weir** explains the unique background to the fight against a Thames Estuary airport and why the idea should not go ahead

DESPITE it being nowhere near Christmas, the beginning of July should bring CPRE Protect Kent something we have been waiting months for.

The Government is intending to launch its consultation into the future of aviation in the UK, which is particularly relevant to Kent in light of the recent proposals for a Thames Estuary airport.

We've been looking forward to this consultation as it means that finally, you, the people of Kent, will get to have a say on these plans, which we believe will be incredibly damaging to the environment and quality of life for people in north Kent.

The campaign against the airport proposals is unlike almost any we have ever run before. We are regularly fighting the same side as other environmental groups, but it is extremely rare that we are united with as many local authorities and MPs as we are now. Everybody, except a few politicians in London, seems to accept that these proposals for a new Thames Estuary airport are ludicrous and would have a disastrous impact on local people, communities and biodiversity.

Whilst there is absolutely no doubt that should these proposals go ahead they would cause irreparable damage to the landscape and wildlife of the area, what of the impact on you, the people of Kent?

CPRE Protect Kent believes these plans would have an incredibly detrimental effect on the quality of life for people in Kent and Medway. The new airport would be likely to operate 24 hours a day, leading to a massive increase in noise and air pollution, while the huge scale of it would result in a sprawling infrastructure.

There would need to be housing and industrial units constructed to replace those displaced from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, and alongside these the associated services; and all this in a county which is known to be already severely water stressed.

When politicians think about the UK's strategic aviation capacity, they seem to miss the point that it is a national issue, and instead focus almost exclusively on air travel to and from the South East of the country. This is utterly inappropriate, especially in an age of high-speed rail links.

So, is there really a need for this new Thames Estuary airport? If you listen to Boris, you'll almost certainly believe that without one, Britain is about to be consigned to the dustbin of history as other countries take all of our business; and all because Heathrow is running low on capacity. But isn't Heathrow only one of three other airports surrounding London? Those airports still have plenty of spare capacity, so why should we take all this potential away from them? Surely that would severely affect their financial viability?

We feel the proposed area is about the worst anyone could choose

Equally, is there really a case that air travel will increase as predicted? In an age of growing pressure to reduce carbon footprints, businesses are turning to solutions like video conferencing to ensure that unless it is absolutely necessary, executives aren't flying anywhere.

CPRE Protect Kent does not believe there is a need for a new airport in the Thames Estuary, or indeed in the South East. But even if there was, we feel the proposed area is about the worst anyone could choose.

We have fought Thames Estuary airport plans before at Cliffe, and we look forward to watching these dangerous ideas get rejected, too.

■ **Jamie Weir works for Protect Kent, the county's branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).**

KOS COMMENT

Rail passengers are finally getting heard

IT SEEMS a week can't pass without some sort of problem with trains, whether it's price hikes or delays.

Given the chance to make a stand, thousands have claimed compensation under the Delay Repay scheme when they're left waiting on platforms.

Campaigners said it's likely there are even more disgruntled passengers but they are so put off by paperwork and small compensation they haven't bothered to claim.

But despite that, it shows people are having a say and making a point that they won't stand for an inefficient service.

Combine this with the franchise consultation and it feels like the commuter is at last being given a voice.

Get behind Mad Dog

AFTER two months of waiting to see who will be Gillingham's next manager, Mad Dog Martin Allen has been given the job.

Gills fans will be praying chairman Paul Scally has finally found the man to win promotion and drag the club out of League Two. Let's all get behind him and give him a chance.

Daisies in St Peter's Church graveyard by David Perry

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Lib Dems must turn on party

Gary Fuller of Shepway Liberal Democrats seems a confused man in his letter (July 1).

He slams David Cameron's speech on benefits while Lib Dem ministers signed off on a law that could cut disabled benefits. And while Gary condemns Cameron on housing benefits, Lib Dem ministers have backed the housing benefit cap that will force many Londoners out of their homes and so to Kent – increasing housing pressures in Gary's own area.

No doubt, he will argue that compromises have to be made in a Coalition Government and things would be different if there was a straightforward Lib Dem Government. But many of us wonder why the Lib Dems never compromise on issues close to their heart – such as arcane forms of proportional representation – while bread and butter issues such as housing, rising prices and student fees are treated as if they are nothing.

Gary – you sound genuine. If you really want to turn against Cameron then it's time to turn against your own party.

James Watkins, Ramsgate

Answer to all our problems

Ask Boris to raise the Thames barrier and close the sluices, put floats on aircraft and we could have water, an airport, and be rid of the Great Wen all in one go.

Roy Spurway, Sevenoaks

Sheep exports make no sense

According to Farmers Weekly, the UK exported 102,000 tonnes of sheepmeat in 2011, including 72,491 live sheep.

It is bad enough that these animals were forced to endure being crammed into trucks for the trip, but what is all the more shocking is that exactly the same amount of sheep-meat, 102,000 tonnes, was imported that same year.

Why are we forcing British sheep to endure live export when we are bringing the same amount back?

Ben Martin
Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Traffic trials must stop now

Since the Westgate Traffic trial began, residents have told us their views and experiences.

The majority are concerned, as was shown at the Joint Transportation Board meeting on June 19. The removal of pedestrian crossings remains the major worry. Residents have told us they want the crossings, not 'desire lines'.

Residents from Station Road West to Queens Avenue face peak-time congestion and an increase in exhaust fumes – and displacement from the scheme on nearby roads, too.

A number of businesses are feeling the pinch. One tells us takings have fallen by 30 per cent since the trial began, with similar falls also reported.

There have been positives – closure of Pound Lane, 20mph zones and HGV restrictions. These must be retained.

But can the city really endure another eight months of this trial? Especially as so many have written in, spoken at meetings, or signed the 4,000 strong petition. Cutting pollution is important, as is our history. But so are people – and when we hear worries about roads without crossings, or when they say they would not have moved here if they had known about this scheme, surely something is wrong?

Any solution for Canterbury's traffic problems has to be looked at across the wider city. The time has come to halt the scheme and go back to the drawing board for a solution that works. This time with prior consultation. Let's ask residents what they want for the area first, rather than introducing a scheme and asking for views later.

County Cllr Martin Vye, City Cllrs James Flanagan, Graham Wood and Ida Linfield, Canterbury

Stand against corrupt banks

Kent Green Party notes that Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds and RBS banks have been caught engaging in rate fixing which provided them with illegitimate gains from some of their customers. Other banks may yet be shown to have engaged in the same type of activity.

No-one has to use a bank which has engaged in unacceptable activities. We all have the right to change our bank. We also need to consider how the bank or building society will use our money.

Some have strong ethical investment credentials like the Co-op and Triodos. Building societies which are still mutual are engaged in helping people get mortgages, so having direct benefits to people living in Kent and Medway. Similarly, banks with strong ethical investment records support fair trade, renewable energy and other things of real use.

If the Coalition will not clean up our banking system then we, the citizens, can. There is an e-petition calling on government to withdraw Barclays' banking licence. Sign here: http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/35446.

Dr Hazel Dawe, Campaigns Officer of Kent Green Party, Tonbridge

Majority back gay marriage

In reply to Messrs Granger and Clarke's letters on gay marriage, may I first point out that most surveys show majorities in favour or not bothered by it. Anyway to respond:

1) The definition of marriage has largely only been codified by the three Middle East religions, whereas elsewhere many other cultures have fully accepted gay people.

2) Gay people may have civil partnerships, but since these are as valid as marriage, why not legally call it that?

3) If a 'straight' couple only wanted a civil partnership that could be allowed by upgrading the common law rulings.

4) No marriage or civil partnerships have ever been proposed for siblings as in the case of the two sisters.

5) LGBT is a term for the gay community, not an "organisation"; the T stands for Trans and covers both transgendered and transvestite persons.

6) Bisexuals will have sex with either gender, but largely prefer a long-term relationship with one or the other.

7) On positive discrimination, does Mr Clarke really think former Kent Police Chief Constable Mike Fuller, won his appointment because of his colour? Under-representation of minorities may be a problem but giving someone a job they cannot do because of it is a disservice to all.

8) The last census only had a voluntary question about sexuality. Not everyone filled it in, so it's a false representation. Numbers are irrelevant though since it's about justice and equality.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

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Show celebrates the best of the county with outdoor extravaganza

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AN outstanding showcase for the best of Kent's business is offered by the County Show, which takes place from Friday to Sunday (July 13-15).

Organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society, it attracts more than 80,000 visitors keen to enjoy one of the UK's best countryside, farming and produce events.

The range of animals is a major draw and its equine and livestock judging attracts people from far and wide.

But it is far more than just a celebration of the diversity and excellence of rural industry, according to George Jessel, chairman of the society.

"The event brings together the best chance to showcase all that Kent has to offer," he said. "And that includes every sector of our industry.

"County shows started as a way for farmers to exhibit their livestock and produce but have moved beyond that.

"Almost every sector is represented, whether you are a florist, make ice cream or run a garage, there are excellent opportunities to showcase your product or services.

"It is also fantastic for networking. If you are a farmer, as I am, you can see the very latest developments in technology as well as find people who work in a particular specialist industry.

"Then there is the event's value to young people. It shows that there are jobs and opportunities available in rural businesses. It's part of education – showing what the countryside can offer."

The show is staged at the Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, and runs from 8am to 6pm.

This year will feature special guests, including Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs who will be visiting on the Friday.

TV presenter Adam Henson will be making an appearance on the Saturday, to present prizes to winners of the Grown In Kent initiative, which encourages schoolchildren to grow fruit and vegetables while John Craven will visit on the Sunday.

The Food Tent and Produced In Kent marquees will offer quality and variety with cakes and breads, tasty cheeses and succulent meats, fresh seafood and homemade pies, jams and chutneys, chocolates and fudge, sausages and Kent-produced crisps and ice cream.

Drink will be equally varied with fruit juices, beers, ciders, ginger beers, teas, coffees, and flavoured vodkas among the tempting treats.

An accompanying wine tent will display a selection of the finest examples from British vineyards, including Kent.

The Flower Tent is a major feature. It is renowned for the horticultural exhibitors who demonstrate their growing and nurturing skills, with displays of roses, fuchsias, succulent cacti, carnivorous plants, shrubs, ferns, and more.

The agricultural area is home to Why Farming Matters In Kent, which offers detailed information about local produce, careers and training in agriculture. Visitors will also be able to see sheep-shearing demonstrations.

Kent Young Farmers boasts a network of enthusiastic members, all with a shared interest in the countryside and the rural way of life. They will be displaying their skills in the agricultural area, showing a variety of livestock.

The show's EcoVillage promotes and explains how to live a greener life, covering everything from renewable energy and cars to skin care and garden furniture. It will also include cooking demonstrations with organic food.

A woodland area offers a tranquil setting where visitors can learn about rural crafts and skills, kept alive by experts keen to share their knowledge, while a visit to the Kent Beekeepers' tent offers an insight into one of the animal kingdom's busiest creatures.

The beer and cider festival will showcase up to 50 real ales and 15 ciders from regional breweries and microbrewers, with displays teaching visitors about the art of brewing and the ingredients used. A special festival ale is planned and there will also be a traditional Bavarian bierkeller, complete with oompah band.

Jessel added: "We are really putting Kent on the map with this show."

Visit www.kentshowground.co.uk for more information.

TAX

Warning: Don't dodge paying taxes

STEER well clear of risky tax avoidance schemes is the message from Sidcup accountants and corporate finance experts McBrides.

Following the Prime Minister's condemnation of comedian Jimmy Carr and the revelation that more A-D list celebrities have been escaping the full force of HMRC by using tax avoidance schemes, managing partner Nick Paterno, pictured, says: "Don't do it."

While tax avoidance schemes such as those used by Carr and other celebrities are perfectly legal, they have been condemned as morally wrong and a means by which the rich have managed to remain even richer, while the man in the street struggles to pay his taxes.

Paterno said: "Obviously, it's the job of an accountant to represent their client, maximising profits and minimising tax. However, some of the riskier tax avoidance schemes quite clearly exploit loopholes in the law which HMRC is trying to patch up."

The Government allocated HMRC nearly £1billion in 2010 to fight tax avoidance, evasion and fraud over the following four years and it has given high-profile publicity to cases in which culprits have been apprehended. It has made it quite apparent that it will not hesitate to act when taxation rules are being abused.

Carr is said to have invested millions in an offshore loan scheme, which had the effect of reducing his income tax to just 1.5 per cent. HMRC is investigating hundreds of similar schemes as part of its effort to clamp down on those who gain unfair advantage.

Paterno said: "Following the recent publicity about these schemes, the Revenue is likely to take a dim view of anyone trying to take unfair advantage and there is no guarantee that these schemes will ultimately work. Anyone entering into such planning must do so with their eyes wide open and be aware they are exposing themselves to potentially years of dialogue and examination by HMRC, with no guarantee of success."

AWARD

Electrical store recognised for its top notch customer service

THE Sony Centre in The Royal Victoria Place Shopping Centre, Tunbridge Wells, has received The Best Customer Service Award in Electrical Retailing during a ceremony at the Forest of Arden Hotel, near Birmingham.

The annual awards are open to every Independent Electrical Retailer in the UK and organised by Independent Electrical Retail magazine and DataStream publishing.

Peter Bowden, the owner of Tunbridge Wells Sony Centre was naturally delighted with this recognition from his peers.

He said, "I am one small part of almost 2,000 Independent Electrical Retailers in the UK and to be recognised by my colleagues with this award is an outstanding honour.

"It couldn't have happened without my staff, so I thank them for their efforts.

"More importantly, I would like to thank our customers who shop with us and send in many letters of praise for the work we do and the service we provide. It is them who make this job worthwhile."

Store manager Garry Harris said; "I have worked at the store in Tunbridge Wells for 15 years and this a great award to receive, it shows that all the hard work my staff put in on a daily basis is both recognised and rewarded by our colleagues in retail but more importantly by our customers. We will continue to give the best service we can."

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Credit where credit's due

A personal view from **Denis Minns**, managing director of Sevenoaks-based DBS Homes, who wants to give "credit where it is due" – by ensuring those who make a contribution to society get something back for their generosity and selflessness

WE all have credit records and some of us have a more chequered past than others.

Today, details of our credit history are omnipresent and can be all-too easily sourced by those considering lending to us. It is all based on risk and reward – if you lend Mr Average a fiver, you have a 75 per cent chance of getting it back.

The wealthy, meanwhile, don't have to worry. Not because they can easily maintain a good credit rating, but because they don't need credit in the first place. While those who desperately need to borrow money, find it problematic. Need, unfortunately, is not what determines the allocation of credit.

If we have the capacity and inclination to keep credit records on all our citizens, then I believe there should be another kind of record – a "contribution record".

Here, the scores of those who have made contributions to society by way of sacrifice of their time for charity or in gainful employment would be recorded, as a testament to their social payback – a way of restoring a bit of the collective balance in favour of the selfless. Not in order to judge those who don't make such a contribution, but to reward those who do.

Something of this notion was expressed by Frank Field, the Labour MP for Birkenhead. He feels: ''benefits have to be earned rather than automatically allocated on need.''

Surely it would be fairer to allocate housing to those who have made a contribution to our own society over many years?

And that surely is our principal concern: housing allocation. Housing authorities may have a points system for housing allocation, but these are based on need. Why not have a system that consults the contribution record?

In the most part, land on which affordable housing is built, is paid for by the development of market housing.

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We have too little subsidised housing to go round – let it be allocated to those who have earned it.

Second chance for post warehouse

FRESH START: The team at the recently rescued Post and Packing UK have already gathered lots of support

A KINGS Hill resident and businessman has come to the rescue of customers of the recently closed independent post and packing service on the development by buying the company and relaunching the service.

Hugh Furness, whose barcoding and IT business – the third largest in the world – is based in East Peckham, was a regular user of Post 'n' Packing Warehouse, and, when it closed at the beginning of May, was keen to find a way of restoring the service.

"I have lived at Kings Hill for ten years and am very involved with the community so I knew how the closure of the service was affecting people," said Furness.

"I approached the developer to see if I could take over the lease on the premises and they were so incredibly helpful and supportive that the deal was done and the business up and running within two weeks."

He has taken over the business with Martyn Filby, a colleague at the East Peckham business and re-employed three of the former Post 'n' Packing Warehouse staff, including office manager Mike Oliver.

Now called Post and Packing UK, the company offers personal and business postal and courier services, including DX document exchange for lawyers, mailboxes, document storage and archiving.

As well as Kings Hill, the catchment area includes Maidstone, Snodland, East Peckham and Rochester and there are plans to buy some tuk tuks for collections and deliveries in Kings Hill.

Worldwide express delivery and logistics company DHL has already approached the new company about becoming one of its hubs and, said Furness, adding that the reaction to the new business is 'overwhelming'.

"People have been very supportive and we have received lots of cards from well-wishers," he said. "I know we have made the right decision."

Andrew Blevins, managing director of Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd said that he was delighted someone had taken over the business and is continuing with the service.

"We were very keen to support Hugh and Martyn in their efforts to preserve a service that people living and working in the Kings Hill community were telling us was valued," he said.

Award demonstrates excellent contribution

STAFF at an Aylesford transport firm are celebrating after being presented with a prestigious national award.

Prospect Commercials, based on the trading estate in St Michael's Close, was presented with the Commercial Contribution Award in the annual ceremony organised by the Fortec Distribution Network.

The award followed a vote among Fortec's 65-strong network of licensees across the UK.

It was in recognition of the company's dedication to Fortec and its work ethos – going the extra mile for the benefit of Fortec and customers.

Danny Latham is a partner at Prospect Commercials alongside John Bailey.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted to win this award. It means so much to us and is testament to the hard work that goes on in the company day in, day out.

"It also signifies the strength of our relationship with Fortec. Joining the Network was a fantastic move for our company. Since day one we have enjoyed continuous growth – not just on the Fortec side but also on the haulage side, but Fortec has been key to that growth."

At the time of joining Fortec, as 2006 drew to a close, Prospect Commercials employed a workforce of 25 and operated a fleet of 25, working out of a 12,000 sq ft warehouse.

Two years ago the company outgrew its premises and moved into its existing 20,000 sq ft warehouse. Due to continued growth, Prospect Commercials is due to move again into a nearby, 25,000 sq ft premises on the same trading estate.

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Training, courses and careers

Covenant to help troops get education and work when they join Civvy St

A SPECIAL contract to help protect and support former military personnel in Tonbridge has been signed.

Royal British Legion Industries and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council signed what is called a Community Covenant which ensures they work together to help ex-forces staff get access to training and employment.

It reflects the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant published last year.

It recognises the moral obligation the nation has to the Armed Forces and their families and the sacrifices individuals make in serving their country.

The agreement seeks to prevent disadvantages they can face in comparison to others, and acknowledges in some cases they require special consideration, particularly those who are sick, injured or bereaved. It also covers issues such as housing, education and support services.

Council leader Nicolas Heslop and RBLI chief executive Steve Sherry signed the agreement at Royal British Legion Village. Mr Sherry, a former brigadier, understands all too well the challenges many can face when settling back into civilian life and communities.

He said: "Making the transition back into civilian employment for many of our Armed Forces, especially those who may have been injured in combat, can be a daunting process.

"RBLI offers an integrated approach to the provision of services for Armed Forces personnel with access to services which will help rehabilitation, training, employment prospects and long term independence.

"We are proud to sign a Covenant Agreement with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to formalise our commitment to work together for the benefit of those who have served in HM Forces."

And Cllr Heslop added: "The council is a strong supporter of the work carried out by RBLI at Aylesford Village. This covenant commits us to help them further by promoting the good work they undertake in supporting the veteran community and to look for further opportunities to develop new services to help those who have served their country and are returning to civilian life."

At the village, RBLI's Social Enterprise produces pallets, fruit bins, kindling, and road and rail signs.

It employs 300 people providing healthcare, rehabilitation, accommodation, assessment and training for Armed Forces communities.

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DEFENDERS OF THE REALM: The Community Covenant will help former soldiers

MP congratulates students on Open University passes

OPEN University sixth form students have been presented with certificates by Maidstone and the Weald MP, Helen Grant.

After the presentation ceremony for 29 students she toured the newly completed sixth form study and teaching facilities at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls.

The Year 12 and 13 students have been studying OU modules this academic year on a variety of topics including medicine, molecules and drugs, Shakespeare, writing fiction, and nuclear energy.

Ms Grant said: "I am hugely proud of the Maidstone Grammar School for Girls sixth form students, they are a real credit to the school. The Open University modules provide a firm foundation for future studies and clearly illustrate that hard work, dedication and commitment, will reap rewards. I heartily congratulate both staff and students in their achievements."

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls is the largest provider of OU modules to sixth form students in the south of England, with many students having started the course when they were 16.

Working in conjunction with their normal A-level studies, studying for an OU module illustrates the students' capacity for hard work and a commitment to study, making them excellent future candidates for university.

Headteacher Mary Smith said: "The students have been fantastically successful and we are very proud of them. These are hard-working students who now have a qualification to demonstrate their ability to work at depth on a topic they are passionate about."

Lucy Jeffrey, who studied a module on Shakespeare said: "It was challenging but definitely rewarding. Helen Grant was genuinely interested in what we had been studying and it was a lovely opportunity to talk to her."

All change as school leaving age set to rise

CHANGES to the age that young people leave education are due to come into place from next year and officials at Bexley Council want to make sure that parents and carers, education professionals, employers and young people in the borough are aware of what this means to them.

Under new Government regulations, from September, 2013, anyone aged 16 (current Year 10) will have to continue in education, training, or employment with training, until at least the end of the academic year when they will turn 17.

And from September, 2015, those aged 16 (current Year 9) will have to participate until at least their 18th birthday.

To find out the best way to communicate the changes the council would like anyone who will be affected to take part in its online survey at www.bexley.gov.uk/rpa.

Cabinet member for education, Cllr John Fuller said: "These are momentous changes to our education system.

"We want to make sure that before the changes come in we communicate them to the right people in the most appropriate way. Please visit the survey and give us your ideas on the best way to get our message across."

College scoops large-business award

MIDKENT College is celebrating after seeing off all-comers to be named 'Large Business of the Year' at the Kent Excellence in Business Awards (KEiBA).

The announcement was made at a gala dinner hosted by former Dragons' Den star Rachel Elnaugh and held at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham.

MidKent College beat other shortlisted finalists TW Services and Mainstream Group to the title of 'Large Business of the Year' after a judging process that rated entrants against pre-set criteria.

Acting principal Sue McLeod dedicated the award to principal Stephen Grix, who is currently on sick leave. She added: "A big thank you must also be paid to our staff for the support they give to students of all ages and backgrounds.

"We all have a passion for what we do, and in particular for creating the entrepreneurs, managers and employees of the future who will make Kent and Medway an even greater place to live and work."

KEiBA aims to recognise and reward excellence in Kent and Medway businesses of all sizes, as well as individuals.

It is rare for a public sector organisation like MidKent College to win such an award, but the judges were particularly impressed by the fact that a third of the college's £53 million annual turnover is self-generated.

This is partly thanks to a 30-year contract with the Ministry of Defence to deliver construction and engineering training at the Royal School of Military Engineering.

Ms McLeod said: "One of our biggest priorities is to support local employers in Kent and Medway by providing training for their staff, offering top quality apprenticeships and giving young people the job skills business leaders are looking for.

"We also recently launched a new suite of higher education courses to ensure we are catering for all levels of expertise."

Schools & education

Technology college showered with praise for improving GCSE results

HARTSDOWN Technology College in Margate is one of the top 10 per cent of schools in the UK by improving its GCSE results year-on-year from 2008-11.

The national recognition for achieving some of the fastest improving GCSE results has come from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

SSAT chief executive Sue Williamson said: "Hartsdown should be congratulated for their stunning achievement in improving their GCSE results.

"The college has proved itself to be one of the best schools in the country – there is plenty other schools could learn from Hartsdown's success.

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team, and a vindication of their belief in high expectations, good teaching and ambition for every young person."

Hartsdown has seen the GCSE results in five years rise by at least 19 percentage points overall.

Principal Andy Somers said: "This is an outstanding achievement. This fantastic accolade is hard-earned and well-deserved.

"It reflects the sheer hard work, determination, enthusiasm and spirit of our students, staff, families and governors.

"I always refer to our college as a cohesive family unit that works together for our success – and this is a perfect example."

Students have it all sewn up for acrobats' Olympic gold medal trousers

FUN AND GAMES: Dannell Banton and Menna Buss sew hems and waistbands on the trousers

STUDENTS at The Folkestone Academy have been creating costumes that will be worn at the Olympic medal ceremonies.

At a series of workshops, sixth form textiles students have been making trousers for the National Youth Theatre acrobatics performances to take place throughout the competition.

Art and textiles teacher Menna Buss, has been working with the students to develop valuable sewing skills which can be applied to further studies in textiles.

The academy says it has a strong visual arts department in which students benefit from a range of creative opportunities such as the recent event, Folkestone Charivari.

Mrs Buss said: "This costume-making opportunity is an excellent way for academy students to be actively involved in a major international event.

"The National Youth theatre acrobats' trousers may be a small part of a vast event, but the students involved can feel proud to have contributed whilst gaining valuable skills."

One student, Danell Banton, participated in the workshop and found it to be valuable time to support her studies. Having recently completed her AS textiles at the academy, she will continue to study A-level textiles in September.

Danell, who is no stranger to a sewing machine, said: "I worked for a period of time in Ella's Boutique in Folkestone creating patterns and plan to establish my own wedding dress design company."

The academy students now look forward to seeing their creations on TV when the ceremonies are screened around the world this summer.

Enterprising grammar pupils at the business end of special week

PUPILS at Fort Pitt Grammar School have staged an enterprise week, and received some help from an expert.

Sian Murphy, who is chair of Women in Business Mid Kent handed out certificates and awards to mark the end of the week.

Year 10 students from the school in Chatham have worked with volunteer facilitators from local businesses over the week on enterprise and creativity workshops, developing knowledge and awareness and giving them a feel for a real business start-up.

They also exhibited and sold products at a trade fair on Thursday morning.

Ms Murphy held a marketing workshop with the students early in the week and came back to the school on Friday to present them with their certificates and award the winning team.

The week was run by Medway Education Business Partnership which creates opportunities between education and business for young people that generate a culture of enterprise and innovation.

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PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

MidKent College - a great place to work and learn

Teaching & Learning Managers

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With state-of-the-art campuses in Medway and Maidstone and strong financial health, we are passionate about teaching, learning and the development of our staff.

We are now on the hunt for a new team of Teaching & Learning managers to drive forward a flexible, engaging and enterprising curriculum in the following areas:

- Electrical
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- Media/Music Technology and Art & Design

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Closing date: Friday 13 July

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MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Lecturer/Course Leader in Health Care - Fixed Term Contract — *Ref: P0440*

Salary: £26,336 - £34,505 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
37 hours per week
Medway Campus

We are looking to appoint an experienced candidate to deliver Health Care programmes at various levels. The successful candidate will have the ability to motivate students and be flexible and adaptable in their teaching methods. The successful applicant would assume responsibility for co-ordinating the Access Health Care pathway, and a Psychology specialism and experience/knowledge of the Health Care sector. Applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

Lecturer in Animal Care, Part-time, Fixed Term Maternity Cover — *Ref: M0420*

Salary: £17,753 - £34,505 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
30 hours per week
Medway Campus

The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic and experienced individual to join our Animal Care Department. They will contribute to the delivery and success of courses from Entry to Level 3, using the excellent facilities available. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Social Science, Part-time, Fixed Term Maternity Cover — *Ref: M0431*

Salary: £17,753 - £34,505 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
18.5 hours per week
Medway Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Social Science lecturer to join our Access to Higher Education team. They will need to have experience of teaching both Psychology and Sociology, preferably to adult learners. The successful candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Plumbing — *Ref: P0659*

Salary: £26,336 - £34,505 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience)
37 hours per week
Maidstone Campus

We are looking for an enthusiastic, competent and confident team-player to teach, assess, and participate in the development of Plumbing courses in the Faculty of Construction and Engineering, including theory and practical from Entry to Advanced levels. Applicants must have good industrial experience, be qualified at least to Level 3 with good verbal and written communication skills and have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification. If you meet these requirements and have a passion to teach and inspire both young and mature students to meet the needs of industry we would welcome your application.

Hourly paid Lecturer in Beauty Therapy — *Ref: SESS*

Hourly rate £23.44 - £27.22 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
Medway Campus

The College is currently looking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic Lecturer in the Beauty Department to deliver high quality training and assessment procedures to full and part time learners for the new course in Body Art, starting in September 2012, and leading to the Diploma in Hair and Media Make-up at Level 2. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification, have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification, and have Beauty Make-up and Body Art practical experience. Recent industry experience would be advantageous

ESF Special Projects Co-ordinator/Sales, Part-Time, Fixed Term Contract — *P0597*

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience
18.5 hours per week Medway Campus

The Business Development Department is looking for an exceptional candidate to support specific functions within the BDU and the Employer Engagement agenda. Duties will include co-ordinating and monitoring special projects and engaging with businesses to generate participation against contract volumes. The successful candidate will have experience of LSC funding schemes, excellent ICT skills and experience within a similar role.

Personal Tutor — *Ref: P0183*

£20,724 - £26,702 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
37 hours per week
Maidstone Campus

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and hold or be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Closing date: Thursday 12 July 2012 at 12 noon

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

Exciting opportunities to join the team at Thanet College

We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

CREATIVE ARTS TECHNICIAN

To provide technical support to staff and students, to supervise students and to demonstrate equipment and facilities to students within the Creative Arts Department.
Salary scale: £15,980 - £17,791 for 37 hours per week all year

Benefits include: Contributory pension scheme, 23 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Closing date: Wednesday 11th July 2012
Interview Date: Monday 23rd July 2012

COMMERCIAL HAIR AND BEAUTY/RESTAURANT RECEPTIONIST

(Two positions available)

To ensure the smooth and professional day to day running of the commercial Salon and Restaurant.

Salary Scale: £7,427 - £7,990 for 18.5 hours per week to include Saturday work, all year

Closing date: Wednesday 11th July 2012
Interview Date: Wednesday 25th July 2012

For further details and to apply online please visit our website www.thanet.ac.uk and click on 'About Us', then 'Vacancies'. If you require assistance please telephone our application line on (01843) 605052

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Human Resources Advisor (Fixed term contract for one year) — *Ref: TSN17*

Salary: £30,062 - £37,253 (dependent on qualifications and experience)
37 hours per week
Medway Campus

We are looking to recruit a Human Resources Advisor who will help deliver our operational commitment on a number of projects.

You will provide comprehensive Human Resources (HR) advice and guidance to the Campus Senior Leadership Team, Managers and staff and actively participate in development of employment policies. In addition, you will lead on staff consultation processes, people planning and change management processes. As an HR generalist you will engage with our stakeholders to enhance and support the delivery of key HR projects, therefore knowledge and experience of pay evaluations schemes would be advantageous.

The ideal candidate for this role will be CIPD qualified and have experience of working in unionised environments. The person will have a track record delivering professional HR advice and support and be able to demonstrate that they have the knowledge and experience to improve the performance of the HR function.

For an informal discussion please contact Ian Johnston, Head of Human Resources on 01634 383601.

Closing date: Thursday 19 July 2012 at 12 noon

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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We are seeking outstanding individuals to join our highly qualified, experienced and motivated teams, many of whom have come from industry. We offer our students the best learning and training experience and we have the following vacancies available:

STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY OFFICER

We are looking for an exceptional individual who will coordinate and lead staff development and equality activities and initiatives within the organisation. You will have experience of researching and delivering innovative and effective staff development solutions combined with a good working knowledge of equality legislation.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £31,984 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 36 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Monday 30th July 2012

COMMERCIAL CATERING CHEF

To support and develop all catering commercial operations of the College, providing excellent customer service and value for money.

The role attracts a fixed point salary of £24,000 per annum plus a contributory pension scheme, 26 days holiday and a comprehensive range of staff benefits.

Interview Date: Monday 6th August 2012

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Closing date: Wednesday 18th July 2012

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Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//12/00900/FUL: 34-36 Sea Street, Herne Bay, CT6 8SP Erection of six bollards to front of retail unit. **Applicant: Tesco Stores Limited** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/00984/FUL: 14 Saddleton Road, Whitstable, CT5 4JD Erection of single-storey extension to rear and dormer to rear roof slope of dwelling. **Applicant: Helen English and John Richardson** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/00996/FUL: 62 Harbour Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AG Demolition of single-storey rear extension and erection of two-storey rear extension; use of resulting first-floor accommodation as self-contained flat. (Revised Scheme). **Applicant: Sundae Sundae** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01021/FUL: The Manor House, Hoath Farm, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT3 4AB Single-storey infill extension and conversion of home office to self-contained residential annexe to be used as ancillary living accommodation associated with The Manor House, Hoath Farm. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Oates** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.

CA//12/01022/LB: The Manor House, Hoath Farm, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT3 4AB Single-storey infill extension and alterations associated with the conversion of home office to self-contained residential annexe to be used as ancillary living accommodation associated with The Manor House, Hoath Farm. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Oates** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//12/01029/FUL: 1 Court Oast, The Street, Ickham, CT3 1QR Addition of windows to side elevation of dwelling. **Applicant: C Bloice and L Sanders** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01031/FUL: 30 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1EA Alter front windows. **Applicant: Ms Gibbons** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01042/LB: 79 Nargate Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UJ Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Dawkins** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//12/01048/FUL 32 Marine Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BE Demolition of conservatory to rear and erection of orangery and associated external works to provide terrace and garden to rear, replacement first-floor balustrade to front elevation, replacement retractable umbrellas and external lighting. **Applicant: The Marine Hotel** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01051/LB: 1 Court Oast, The Street, Ickham, CT3 1QR Removal of windows and addition of two first-floor and three ground-floor windows to side elevation of listed building. **Applicant: C Bloice and L Sanders** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//12/01065/FUL: Unit 15b, Graham Bell House, Roper Close, Canterbury, CT2 7EP Change of use from light industrial (Use Class B1) to church meeting room (Use Class D1). **Applicant: Pastor Aaron Berko** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01074/ADV: The Penny Theatre, 30-31 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BL Externally illuminated sign and replacement externally illuminated hanging sign. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Stonegate Pub Co Ltd** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//12/01075/LB: The Penny Theatre, 30-31 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BL Externally illuminated sign, replacement externally illuminated hanging sign and new lantern above entrance door. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Stonegate Pub Co Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//12/01079/LB: 38 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HW Listed building consent for erection of an illuminated fascia and non-illuminated projecting sign. **Applicant: Laura Ashley** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//12/01082/FUL: 1 Nelson Road, Whitstable, CT5 1DP Replacement windows to front elevation of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr N Willis** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01102/LB: Garden Cottage, Lee Priory, Littlebourne, CT3 1UR Demolition of greenhouse attached to Garden Cottage, erection of conservatory and single-storey rear extensions and two-storey side extension to dwelling with associated internal and external alterations. **Applicant: Mrs C Clarke** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//12/01103/FUL: 55 Nargate Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UJ Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage with storage. **Applicant: Miss E Ash** Reason: Setting listed building in conservation area.

CA//12/01105/FUL: Garden Cottage, Lee Priory, Littlebourne, CT3 1UR Demolition of greenhouse attached to Garden Cottage, erection of conservatory and single-storey rear extensions and two-storey side extension to dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs C Clarke** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//12/01113/LB: 55 Nargate Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UJ Demolition of existing garage in connection with the erection of replacement garage. **Applicant: Miss E Ash** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 30 July 2012.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 6 July 2012

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PLANNING

Swale Borough Council

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 23 JULY 2012

SW/12/0277:
To replace existing timber windows to both left and right elevation with UPVC - The Faversham Club, Gatefield Lane, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0346:
Demolition of existing and redevelopment of site to provide for 6 detached chalet bungalows and 8 town houses (total 14 dwellings) with associated amenity space, landscaping and access (Amended Layout) - The Old Dairy, Halfway Road, Halfway, SHEERNESS; **REASONS 2 & 3**

SW/12/0365:
Extension of existing buildings to provide additional food processing area with associated parking and turning areas - 8 Eurolink Way, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 2 & 4**

SW/12/0405 &
SW/12/0406:
Demolition of outbuildings and development of 7 new dwellings and conversion of existing stable building/cold store - 22 Ospringe Street, FAVERSHAM: **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/0478:
Retrospective application for removal of stone cladding from front elevation - 77 South Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0646:
Re-submission for proposed new vehicular crossover and parking area with off-street parking provision - 185 London Road, TEYNHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0653:
Construction of tunnels for horticultural production on agricultural land - Wey Street Farm, HERNHILL; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0690:
Erection of a four storey building with commercial ground floor and 1 x one bedroom and one x 2 bedroom maisonette on upper floors. Bin and cycle storage to the rear of proposed property - 1-3 Hope Street, Sheerness West, SHEERNESS; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/0725:
Flag pole to be erected to display National, County and possibly Gateway flags - Sheerness Gateway, 38-42 High Street, SHEERNESS; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0751:
Demolition of single storey rear extension. Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions. Removal of existing garden shed and erection of new garden shed - 13 Front Brents, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0759:
Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 21 Anne Boleyn Close, EASTCHURCH; **REASON 4**

SW/12/0765:
Single storey rear addition to provide bin storage and secure bicycle parking and substitution of brickwork approved at 1st floor level at rear for weatherboarding as amendment to details already approved under planning permission ref: SW/09/0283 (conversion and extension of building to provide 4 flats) - 39 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/0766:
Listed Building Consent for single storey rear addition to provide bin storage and secure bicycle parking as amendment to details already approved under Listed Building Consent ref: SW/09/0284 (conversion and extension of building to provide 4 flats) - 39 High Street, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/12/0767:
New Sixth Form Centre and Teaching Block and new Multi-Use Games Area - Queen Elizabeths School, Abbey Place, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1, 2 & 3**

SW/12/0768:
Change of use of Public House to Hotel (Class C1) and erection of two storey extension to provide bedrooms and toilets along with provision of car parking - Prince of Waterloo, 428 Minster Road, MINSTER ON SEA; **REASON 2**

SW/12/0773:
Variation of condition (1) to permit Sunday opening between the hours of 0900 to 1800 - 67 High Street, NEWINGTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0779:
Extension of time to implement planning permission SW/07/0881 (Outline application for industrial development) - Land adj Regis Furniture, New Road, SHEERNESS; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0781:
Change of use of land from agriculture to mixed use for the keeping of horses and sheep and cultivation of hay with the retention of a double garage, 3 Barns (Barns 1, 2 and 3) and an L-Shaped Stable Block to the rear of 1 Oak Barn Cottages; and retention of a Barn [Barn 4] and the completion of a Barn (Barn 5) both within the former Oak Barn Farm farmyard - Land r/o 1 Oak Barn Cottages at Windmill Farm, Yaugher Lane, HARTLIP; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0810:
Advertisment consent for 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non-illuminated projecting sign - Barclays Bank, 12-14 Broadway, SHEERNESS; **REASON 1 & 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0362/N - ROMNEY COURT, 25, ROMNEY PLACE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LG - Change of use of existing three storey office building with semi-basement car park to residential accommodation comprising 6 one-bedroom apartments and 4 two-bedroom apartments with alterations to fenestration and entrance porch. **Reason: 1, 2, 6, 9**

MA/12/0842/S - JARMONS FARM, JARMANS LANE, COLLIER STREET, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9PU - Change of use of land to the keeping of horses; with demolition of existing structures and erection of a new building to accommodate stables, a hay store and a machinery store. Provision of an exercise arena. Change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to holiday accommodation, including alterations to increase roof height. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/0901/N - 8 - 9, THE SQUARE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PQ - Application for change of use and internal and external alterations to 8 and 9 The Square to facilitate change of use of 8 & 9 The Square into 2 separate dwellings, including erection of pitched roof to rear including closing of gap between buildings to the rear at 2nd floor level, removal of single storey rear extension and external staircase, alterations to fenestration, installation of railings, repositioning of front ground floor wall and associated works, restoration of external surfaces, erection of internal party walls and installation of internal stairways. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0949/N - 36, WEST STREET, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1HX - Application for the approval of all reserved matters pursuant to outline permission MA/09/0645 (an outline permission for the erection of a chalet bungalow with all matters reserved for future consideration). **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0963/N - 24, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JF - Installation of new shopfront. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1019/N - 8 - 9, THE SQUARE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PQ - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations to 8 and 9 The Square to facilitate change of use of 8 & 9 The Square into 2 separate dwellings, including erection of pitched roof to rear including closing of gap between buildings to the rear at 2nd floor level, removal of single storey rear extension and external staircase, alterations to fenestration, installation of railings, repositioning of front ground floor wall and associated works, restoration of external surfaces, erection of internal party walls and installation of internal stairways. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1027/N - 110, WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RH - Infill of valley at main roof to provide additional storage and office. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1032/S - 168 TO 182 FORMER TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL SITE, SUTTON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9BJ - Amendments to MA/11/1326 (Construction of 84 dwellings with associated garages (Amendments to house types previously approved under part of reserved matters consent MA/08/2489 for the construction of 357 dwellings and part of planning consents MA/10/0486 for the construction of 14 dwellings and MA/10/1413 Construction of 77 dwellings) being the substitution of three one bed flats with three two bed flats. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1036/N - THE CORN EXCHANGE, 25A, MARKET BUILDINGS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1HP - Erection of vertical extract flue to rear elevation. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/1040/S - THE DELL, HIGH BANKS, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0EQ - Conversion of garage roof from flat to pitched roof and installation of external staircase. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1045/N - 7A, CHURCH SQUARE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PF - Listed building consent application for the movement of a gas meter from the shop at 1A High Street to the first floor flat above (7A Church Square) involving the installation of a steel gas pipe to the front elevation of 1A High Street. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1056/N - THE CORN EXCHANGE, 25A, MARKET BUILDINGS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1HP - An application for listed building consent for the erection of vertical extract flue to rear elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1059/N - RUMWOOD GREEN FARM, SUTTON ROAD, LANGLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3ND - Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building. **Reason: 6, 7**

MA/12/1068/S - KENT COTTAGE, GRIGG LANE, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9TD - Demolition of Kent Cottage and associcated outbuildings and erection of two detached dwellings with integral garages and parking spaces. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **22nd July 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 8th July 2012

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Public Notice

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CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123(2A) (as inserted by the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)

Proposed disposals of land or interests in land at the following addresses, which are designated as public open spaces

Canterbury City Council hereby give notice of their intention to dispose of interests in land designated as public open spaces, as set out below:

100 square metres of land adjacent to the south-east corner of the car park in Victoria Recreation Ground, Canterbury

24 square metres of land adjacent to 35 Thistle Drive in Church Lane, Seasalter

3 square metres of land north-west of the entrance to Reculver Caravan Park, east of Reculver Lane, Herne Bay

3.053 hectares of land north of the junction of Hampton Avenue with Western Esplanade at Hampton Pier, Herne Bay

1170 linear metres of land along Rhodaus Town, Pin Hill, west of Rheims Way and south of Queens Avenue, Canterbury (KPSN cable trench route south and south-west of the city)

5 square metres of land adjacent to the former Wincheap public conveniences, Canterbury

1.765 hectares of land at Burton Down recreation ground, Thundersland Road, Herne Bay

Plans showing these areas may be inspected at the Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm Mondays to Fridays and at the council's divisional office at William Street, Herne Bay between the hours of 8.45am and 4.45pm Mondays to Fridays.

Anyone wishing to make objections to the proposed disposals, should make them in writing, stating the disposal objected to, to Tricia Marshall, Director of Resources, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW so as to arrive not later than Monday 6 August 2012.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

Public Notice

8 July 2012

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Independent Person

Councillors Code of Conduct Complaints

Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, the council is required to appoint an Independent Person to assist the council in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst its elected Members. The Independent Person can expect to be consulted on the decision to investigate complaints and before the council makes a decision on an investigated complaint.

If you are interested in being part of the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by Members in local government then please e-mail **mark.ellender@canterbury.gov.uk** or apply in writing to The Monitoring Officer, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW by **18 July 2012**.

The job description may be viewed at **www.canterbury.gov.uk** (see link on front page).

Your application should be accompanied by a CV and description of how your knowledge and skills match those required by the job description. If you are unable to view a copy on line please ring **01227 862 011** for a copy.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the city council's Appointments Committee who will then make a recommendation to the Full Council.

Mark Ellender
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

PLANNING

Folkestone

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0589/SH - The Old Rectory Mayfield Road Lyminge Folkestone Kent - Formation of a tennis court and erection of chainlink fencing, together with change of use of land to part of residential curtilage.

Y12/0599/SH+ - Malthouse Arcade Malthouse Hill Hythe Kent CT21 5BW - Pruning of a Willow tree situated within a conservation area, comprising the cutting back to previous points of growth over footpath.

Y12/0591/SH+ - Malthouse Arcade Malthouse Hill Hythe Kent CT21 5BW - Partial reduction of the canopy on the eastern side of a Cherry tree, subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 8 of 2001, to give 2 metres clearance from adjacent building (7 High Street).

Y12/0588/SH - 12 Bybrook Field Sandgate Folkestone Kent CT20 3BQ - Erection of side extension to existing garage and formation of pedestrian access.

Y12/0563/SH# - Peacehaven Dungeness Road Dungeness Romney Marsh Kent - Conservation area consent for demolition of the existing dwelling.

Y12/0230/SH* - Land Adjoining 45 The Street Hawkinge Kent - Erection of detached two storey dwelling with detached double garage and new access.

Y12/0492/SH - Lower Cock Ash Cock Ash Lane Monks Horton Ashford Kent - Erection of a pole barn, together with formation of a hard surface turning area.

Y12/0585/SH# - Rugby Clubs Campsite Dymchurch Road St Marys Bay Romney Marsh Kent - Demolition of existing buildings and structures and construction of a sleeping accommodation block, swimming pool building, games hall and gallery and layout of sports pitches and car park with associated landscaping and boundary treatment.

Y12/0565/SH# - Peacehaven Dungeness Road Dungeness Romney Marsh Kent - Erection of a replacement dwelling following demolition of the existing, together with associated landscaping.

Y12/0539/SH - Communications Mast Sandy Lane Saltwood Kent - Upgrading of existing antenna, replacement of one equipment cabinet and installation of two new equipment cabinets, installation of two 600 mm transmission dishes and other associated ancillary work (telecommunications development).

Y12/0577/SH - Ridge Cottage Canterbury Road Etchinghill Folkestone Kent - Various pruning works to eighteen trees and felling of one Poplar tree, all situated within a conservation area.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
5. The application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.
8. This application is accompanied as an Environmental Statement.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 23 JULY 2012

SW/12/0813 & SW/12/0814:
Single storey side extension to link house to garage, replacement of conservatory roof with terne coated stainless steel, and internal alterations - Chestnut House, 89 The Street, BOUGHTON; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0816:
Relocation of Nicholls Transport Depot from Lydbrook Close, Sittingbourne to land north of Swale Way (accommodating a notional 15% increase in the size of the company) with access to Swale Way; strategic landscaping buffer to A249; ancillary offices/amenity block; vehicle workshop, ancillary warehouse; vehicle wash-down and refuelling facilities; tractor and trailer parking area; surface water attenuation ponds and biodiversity enhancement; strategic footpath/cycleway link; staff parking; safeguarding of land fronting Swale Way and all necessary infrastructure - Land North of Swale Way/adj Grovehurst Road, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASONS 3, 5 and 8**

SW/12/0829:
Erect 14 terraced houses; 10 three bedrooms and 4 four bedrooms - 109-111 Staplehurst Road, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0833:
Conversion of existing barn and stable and adjoining new extension link to form 1 dwelling - Cedar House, Lewson Street, NORTON; **REASON 1**

SW/12/0834:
Installation of a lattice mast (17.9 metres to top of antennas) and 1 equipment cabinet within a timber post and rail fence compound - Chequers Stables, Eastchurch Road, MINSTER; **REASON 6**

SW/12/0848:
Provision of alternative access to serve the residential development approved under SW/10/0050, including demolition of 103 Marine Parade and realignment of rear garden to 105 Marine Parade - Land to the rear of Seager Road, SHEERNESS; **REASON 2**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01755/HOUSE **Oakdale The Green, Benenden**
- Reconstruction, repairs, alterations and extension to greenhouse to form a combined greenhouse and garden store (LB) (CA)

12/01821/HOUSE **Pound House Wilsley Pound, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Demolish existing garage and replace with new garage and workshop and two gate arches (LB)

12/01822/LBC **Pound House Wilsley Pound, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolish existing garage and replace with new garage and workshop and two gate arches (LB)

12/01798/FUL **121 - 123 Mount Pleasant Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Alterations to shopfront, new plant, extractor fans and change of use of outside to seating area (CA)

12/01747/FUL **Great Hungerden Farm Green Lane, Frittenden**
- Conversion of bullock lodge to 3 dwelling units and erection of single storey building for parking and storage, conversion of stables to holiday let, rebuilding of twin kiln oast to form a dwelling with retention of cart lodge as garage, associated landscaping (LB) (PROW)

12/01483/FUL **Bedgebury Park Equestrian Centre Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Creation of horse splash (LB)

12/01701/HOUSE **Marlingate Oast House Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
- Two-bay timber garage (LB)

12/01853/HOUSE **Forge Cottage Church Road, Goudhurst**
- First floor extension to front elevation, two storey rear extension and internal alterations (CA)

12/01802/FUL **Stiles Oast Maidstone Road, Horsmonden**
- Change of use of agricultural land to ancillary residential curtilage (retrospective) (LB)

12/01796/HOUSE **80 Warwick Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Single storey side extension (CA)

12/01799/FUL **Warwick Park Nursing Home 55 Warwick Park, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Extension to rear (north east) elevation at basement, ground, first and second floor levels; extension of parking area to front and creation of refuse store (CA)

12/01826/LBC **Troika International 14B Chapel Place, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use and conversion of first and second floor premises from offices to residential accommodation providing 1 x 2 bedroom flat and 2 x 1 bedroom flats (LB)

12/01750/HOUSE **Manor Cottage Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**
- Demolition of existing garden room and rear chimney stack. New garden room (CA) (LB)

12/01751/LBC **Manor Cottage Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of existing garden room and rear chimney stack. New garden room (LB)

12/01689/FUL **28 Pennington Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council**
- Construction of timber sun shading to rear elevation of new Vicarage currently under construction (CA)

12/01831/FUL **David Salomons Estate Broomhill Road, Southborough Town Council**
- Installation of temporary toilet unit (LB)

12/01760/HOUSE **61 The Boundary Langton Green, Speldhurst**
- Single storey porch and garage extension to front elevation (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning ServicesTown Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Star and Eagle Hotel, High Street, Goudhurst**

Applicant: **Karin Martinez**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives

Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Pines Calyx, Beach Road, St Margarets Bay, Dover**

Applicant: **Kevin Francis**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Mr Alex Ferris of Bakers Bridge Cottage, Pluckley Road, Smarden to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AE663, GODMERSHAM AND CHILHAM

PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above Order made on the 27th June 2012 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will add a new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663, which commences from a point on Restricted Byway AE18 at grid reference TR 0766 5201 (Point A), East Stour Farm, before heading in a southerly direction for 467 metres to meet with Pope Street at grid reference TR 0753 5156 (Point B). The route then continues on the south side of Pope Street at grid reference TR 0751 5156 (Point C) in a south westerly direction for 919 metres before terminating at Eggarton Lane, grid reference TR 0695 5083 (Point D).

The new length of Public Bridleway numbered AE663 is to be 3 metres wide with shortfalls in order to retain established trees. There will be a bridle gate located at NGR TR0766 5201 (Point A), NGR TR0758 5168 (Point E), NGR TR0753 5156 (Point B), NGR TR0751 5156 (Point C), NGR TR0738 5139 (Point F), NGR TR0709 5100 (Point G) and NGR TR0695 5083 (Point D). The bridle gates will conform to BS 5709:2006 and shall remain until such a time as they no longer provide, or are required, for the prevention of the ingress or egress of animals.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at address below, not later than **6th August 2012.** Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE51 (PART), AE55 (PART) GODMERSHAM

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above named Order made on the 27th June 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of (a) that length of public footpath numbered AE51 that commences from the unaffected part of Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan), and passes for 448 metres in a north north easterly direction to a connection with Pope Street, NGR TR0752 5155, (Point B on the Order Plan);

and (b) the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AE55 that commences from it's junction with Public Footpath AE54, NGR TR0780 5093 (Point D on the Order Plan), and passes for 616 metres in a north north westerly direction to it's connection with Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0746 5144, (Point E on the Order Plan).

New lengths of public footpath will be added (a) numbered AE51 that commences from the unaffected part of Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan), and passes in a north north easterly direction for 443 metres to a new connection with Pope Street, NGR TR0751 5155 (Point C on the Order Plan). The new length of path will have a width of 3 metres;

and (b) numbered AE55 that commences from the aforementioned Point D, NGR TR0780 5093, and passes in a north westerly direction for approximately 635 metres to a new connection with Public Footpath AE51, NGR TR0724 5120 (Point A on the Order Plan). The new length of path will have a width of 2 metres.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before **6th August 2012.** Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CYCLE TRACKS ACT 1984

WHITSTABLE - CONVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH CWX24

CYCLE TRACKS ORDER 2012

In connection with the conversion of public footpath CWX24 to Cycle Track, the Kent County Council made the above Order on **27th June 2012.**

The effect of the Cycle Tracks Order will be that the length of footpath to which the Order relates will become highway which, for the purpose of the Highways Act 1980, are highways maintainable at public expense and over which the public will have a right of way on pedal cycles (other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles) and a right of way on foot.

The footpath designated as cycle track by this Order is as follows:

CWX 24 That path known locally as Lanes Walk from Tower Parade to Westgate Terrace for a distance of 85 metres in southerly direction. A width of 3 metres is recorded

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the proposed order, the relevant map and statement of reasons can be inspected on Mondays to Fridays at Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or alternatively on Tuesdays and Fridays at Whitstable Library, 31-33 Oxford St, Whitstable CT5 1DB. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before **6th August 2012.** Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

CYCLE TRACKS ACT 1984

WHITSTABLE - CONVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH CWX19 (PART)

CYCLE TRACKS ORDER 2012

In connection with the conversion of public footpath CWX19 (part) to Cycle Track, the Kent County Council made the above Order on **27th June 2012.**

The effect of the Cycle Tracks Order will be that the length of footpath to which the Order relates will become highway which, for the purpose of the Highways Act 1980, are highways maintainable at public expense and over which the public will have a right of way on pedal cycles (other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles) and a right of way on foot.

The footpath designated as cycle track by this Order is as follows:

CWX19 (Part) That width of that part of the public footpath from Reservoir Road to Cromwell Road for a distance of 87metres in a south westerly direction. A minimum of 2.7 metres width is recorded.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the proposed order, the relevant map and statement of reasons can be inspected on Mondays to Fridays at Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or alternatively on Tuesdays and Fridays at Whitstable Library, 31-33 Oxford St, Whitstable CT5 1DB. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before **6th August 2012.** Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB92

IN THE PARISH OF WESTBERE

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB92)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath CB92 at Westbere level crossing, between Walnut Tree Lane and Westbere Marshes from the 16th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that an application to further extend the closure will be made to the Secretary of State.

The path is to be closed because there is a likelihood of danger to users and Network Rail wish to investigate options for improving the existing crossing arrangements.

The alternative route, within Network Rail land, will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Louise Adams

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY EB12, DOVER)

PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above Order, made on the 27th June 2012 under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will provide a new length of Public Bridleway EB12 which commences at grid reference TR 3095 4405 (Point A), Melbourne Avenue, before heading in a south easterly direction for 866 metres, connecting with Roman Road at grid reference, TR 3165 4357 (Point B). The new length of path will have a width of 3 metres except at the junction with Roman Road (Point B) where the width is 1.5 metres

The existence of established trees at NGR TR 3165 4357 (Point B) on the Order plan will restrict the width of useable highway at that point to 1.5 metres. There will be 1 bridle gate located at NGR, TR 3095 4405 (Point A). The bridle gate will conform to BS 5709:2006.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ or at the Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. A copy of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to Colin Finch at the address below before **6th August 2012.** Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU18

IN THE PARISH OF SEVENOAKS

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU18)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath SU18, between the wall and steps into Knole Deer Park (NGR TQ 542 551) and the junction with Public Footpath SU23 (NGR TQ 542 547) from the 18th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 19th August 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on the wall and steps and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along the permissive path on the north side of the wall to join up with SU23 to the east and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Nicky Biddall

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR427

IN THE PARISH OF IGHTHAM

PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR427
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath MR427 between Ismays Road and Coach Road from the 28th June 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 31st July 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michele Snoding

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH MU29

IN THE PARISH OF TONBRIDGE

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MU29
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath MU29, footbridge between the junction with Public Footpath MU28 (NGR TQ 581 462) and Douglas Road from the 20th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 31st August 2012.

The path is to be closed because the existing footbridge is being replaced with a new footbridge.

The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Pound Lane and The Street.

The alternative routes depend on which part of Canterbury Road is closed, and are as follows.

Whilst closed between Pound lane and Manor Pound Lane, diversion via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Lees Road, and Manor Pound Lane

Whilst closed between Manor Pound Lane and The Street, diversion via Manor Pound Lane, Weekes Lane, Pilgrims Way and Stock Lane.

Please note that there will be a further one day closure in August or September for surface dressing works.

CHURCH ROAD, WAREHORNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Warehorne, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks.

The road will be closed between the junction with the B2067 and Sycamore House.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2067 Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, Church Lane, Firs Lane, Hogg Lane and Arrowhead Lane.

Although the road will be closed to through traffic, every effort will be made to maintain as much access as possible for residents within the area affected by the works.

HIGHFIELD LANE, MERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Highfield Lane, Mersham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A20 Hythe Road and Church Road.

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road, Willesborough Interchange, B2070 Bad Munstereifel Road and Church Road.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(LEACON LANE, WESTWELL, ASHFORD) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, has made an Order, the effect of which is to:-

Prohibit any vehicle, laden or unladen with a gross weight which exceeds 7.5 tonnes from using Leacon Lane from its junction with the A20 lay-by, in a south westerly direction, up to its junction with Hurstford Lane. Access rights will be maintained for all vehicles requiring legitimate access to or from any premises situated on these roads or named within the order.

This will be for improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 10 July 2012, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads affected by the new provisions may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford TN23 1AS and the Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CYCLE TRACK FROM BEACONSFIELD ROAD PATH TO BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through use by cyclists and pedestrians of the Cycle Track from Beaconsfield Road Path to Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The closure affects the full length of cycle path, with limited access up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via Beaconsfield Road Path and Beaconsfield Road.

CHESTFIELD ROAD, CHESTFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Chestfield (Swalecliffe), on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge to the north of the Old Thanet Way.

The alternative route is via B2205 St John's Road, Colewood Road, Whitstable Road, Sea Street, Greenhill Bridge Road and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way.

CHURCH LANE AND HIGHSTEAD, CHISLET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable high-friction road surfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane and Highstead, Chislet, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days as signposted on site.

CHURCH LANE will be closed to the north of the north junction with Chitty Lane

The alternative route is via Hollow Road and Old Tree Road.

HIGHSTEAD will be closed to the north of Highstead Farm.

The alternative route is via Highstead via Ford Hill, Maypole Lane and Old Tree Road.

The closures are between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day. Only one road will be closed at any one time.

Please note these works were originally due to have been carried out in April 2012, but were postponed for operational reasons.

ELHAM VALLEY ROAD, BARHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Elham Valley Road, Barham, on or after 16 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed south of the junction with Derringstone Hill for a distance of approximately 1800 metres southwards.

The alternative route is via Derringstone Hill, High Street, Elham, New Road, Canterbury Road, Broad Street, Station Road, Canterbury Road, Beachborough, A20 Ashford Road, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A2034 Cherry Garden Avenue, A259 Churchill Avenue, A260 Canterbury Road, Spitfire Way, Canterbury Road, The Street, Canterbury Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, Bourne Park Slip Road, Coldharbour Lane, Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road, Derringstone Hill and Elham Valley Road.

SUMMERFIELD AVENUE, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Summerfield Avenue, Whitstable, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only at the junction with Castle Road.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Castle Road, Church Street and Ham Shades Lane.

Westbound traffic is unaffected, and traffic can access Summerfield Avenue from the junction with Ham Shades Lane.

ST MILDRED'S PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriagEway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Mildred's Place, Canterbury, on or after 27 July 2012 for up to 1 day, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Victoria road and Martyrs' Field Road.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via Victoria Road, A28 Wincheap, Gordon Road and Martyrs' Field Road

Westbound via Martyrs' Field Road, York Road, A28 Wincheap and Victoria Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

ALKHAM ROAD, KEARSNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alkham Road, Kearsney, on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Lower Road, High Street and London Road (Temple Ewell).

CHURCH STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Street, Sandwich, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases working from the junction with Delf Street towards the junction with Strand Street.

The alternative routes for through traffic are

Northbound via Delf Street, Harnet Street and Strand Street.

Southbound via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street and Delf Street.

RATLING ROAD, AYLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of access to phone cables to provide a new service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ratling Road, Aylesham, on or after 15 July 2012 for up to one day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Burgess Road and Ackholt Road.

The alternative route is via Burgess Road, Bell Grove and Ackholt Road.

RIPPLE ROAD, RIPPLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ripple Road, Ripple, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A258 Dover Road.

The alternative route is via Ripple Road, Ringwould Road, Sutton Lane, Front Street and A258 Dover Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Deal, on or after 23 July 2012, as shown below.

BEACONSFIELD ROAD will be closed from 23 July for up to 3 days, between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The closure will be between the junctions with Victoria Road and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via Victoria Road, Sondes Road, Prince of Wales Terrace, Broad Street, Queen Street and Blenheim Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow access from Blenheim Road, when safe to do so.

BLENHEIM ROAD will be closed from 30 July for 2 days

The closure will be between the junctions with Wellington Road and Hope Road.

The alternative route is via Queen Street, Broad Street, Prince of Wales Terrace, Deal Castle Road and Gilford Road.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Blenheim Road between the junctions with Wellington Road and Hope Road to allow access up to where the road is closed.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order on Beaconsfield Road to allow traffic to exit onto Victoria Road.

GLADSTONE ROAD will be closed 1 August for 3 days

The closure will be between the junctions with The Strand and Blenheim Road.

The alternative route is via A258 The Strand, Gilford Road and Blenheim Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

CRUTCHES LANE, HIGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Installation of a new drainage connection , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crutches Lane, Higham , on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 9 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed .

There will be no access for through traffic from 500 meters from the junction with A226 Gravesend Road.

The alternative route is via Gravesend Road, Rede Court Road and Watling Street.

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETLING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING/THURNHAM) (TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at times when required as and when signage is displayed on site on 13th/14th/15th July 2012.

SCHEDULE
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

1. Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
   - (i) On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham on the northeast bound carriageway from a point 200 metres northeast of the junction of Harple Lane to the Highland Shell petrol station. On the southwest bound carriageway from a point 130 metres northeast of the property "Woodlands" to the existing 50mph speed restriction at a point outside the property "Wild Air"
2. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
   - (i) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
   - (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
   - (iii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
   - (iv) Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
   - (v) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
   - (vi) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.

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(vii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.

(viii) Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.

3. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) above are either:-

(i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway

(ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

BIRCHIN CROSS ROAD, OTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to fit security type lids on BT carriageway chambers, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Birchin Cross Road, Otford, on or after 13th July 2012 for up to 3 Days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Near the junction of Rowdow Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Rowdow Lane and Clarkes Green Road.

The alternative route is via Rowdow Lane, Magpie Bottom and Birchin Cross Road.

FOUR ELMS ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of allowing a safe working environment whilst routine railway bridge maintenance works are undertaken on behalf of network rail, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Wayside Drive to the junction of Swan Lane and there will be no access for through traffic between these junctions.

The alternative route is via: Swan Lane, B2026 Station Road.

HALE OAK ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of replacement of a drainage culvert, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hale Oak Road, Chiddingstone, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

The alternative route is via B2027, Camp Hill, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road, Windmill Road.

HOPGARDEN LANE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to the installation of a High Voltage cable , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hopgarden Lane, Sevenoaks , on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along Hopgarden Lane .

There will be no access for through traffic on Hopgarden Lane between the junctions of Grassy Lane and Ashgrove Road.

The alternative route is via Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane, Grassy Lane and vice versa.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY JULY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Folkestone, on or after 11 July 2012, as shown below.

HARVEY STREET and **HARBOUR WAY** will be closed on 11 July 2012.

The alternative route is via Dover Road, Ryland Place and The Tram Road.

ST EANSWYTHE'S WAY will be closed on 12 July 2012.

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

WALTON ROAD will be closed on 13 July 2012

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

Closures are each for up to one day. Roads will be closed for their entire lengths.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

BOXTED LANE, NEWINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Boxted Lane, Newington, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Ashfield Court Farm, to the north of the junction with School Lane / Brickfields.

The alternative route is via Breach Lane, A2 London Road, Church Lane, School Lane and Boxted Lane.

CROWN ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crown Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

CROWN ROAD will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Beechwood Avenue.

The alternative routes are

Westbound via High Street and B2005 St Paul's Street

Eastbound via B2005 St Paul's Street, Mill Way, Saffron Way, North Street and High Street.

BEECHWOOD AVENUE will be closed at the junction with Crown Road.

The alternative route for this aspect is via Dean Road, Windmill Road and B2006 Staplehurst Road.

WATER LANE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Faversham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Ospringe Street.

The alternative route is via A2 Ospringe Street, Faversham Road, Coxett Hill, Abbot's Hill and Water Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

ADDISCOMBE ROAD AREA, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Addiscombe Road, Margate, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks, as detailed below.

ADDISCOMBE ROAD will be closed in phases working from the junction with St Peter's Road / College Road as far as the junction with Wharfdale Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2052 College Road, Upper Dane Road and Addiscombe Road.

Access will be maintained to Addiscombe Gardens, with the direction of approach signposted on site.

DURBAN ROAD will be closed at the junction with Addiscombe Road throughout these works, with access available from College Road.

ST PETER'S FOOTPATH will be closed at its eastern junction with Addiscombe Road when the works reach this point, with access via Durban Road.

B2052 COLLEGE ROAD - there will be No Waiting at any time on the south side of College Road from the existing

No Waiting Restrictions eastwards to the junction with St Peter's Footpath.

HALL BY THE SEA ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall By The Sea Road, Margate, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm each day.

The road will be closed at the junctions with Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

The alternative route is via Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

KING STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Margate, on or after 10 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed at the junction with Hawley Street, in the vicinity of Tudor House.

The alternative routes are via Hawley Street, Union Crescent and Addington Street or via Trinity Square (Trinity Hill), Northdown Road and Bath Road.

MINSTER LEVEL CROSSING, MINSTER, THANET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Minster Level Crossing, Minster, Thanet, on or after 25 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

Marsh Farm Road will be closed at Minster Level Crossing.

The closures are planned for

Wednesday 25 July at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

Thursday 26 July at 11.30 pm through until 5.00 am

There is no alternative route as this is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to allow any essential access.

RUMFIELDS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Rumfields Road, Broadstairs, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only (towards Bromstone), between the junctions with A256 Westwood Road and The Maples.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via A256 Westwood Road, A255 Broadstairs Road, Fairfield Road and Rumfields Road.

Westbound traffic is unaffected.

SOUND ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, QUEX PARK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

In the interests of road safety during the Sound Island Music Festival at Quex Park, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic on Manston Road and Margate Hill, Birchington, on or after 28 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, as shown below.

The B2050 Manston Road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions with Shottendane Road and Park Lane / Acol Hill, with managed access only, for traffic attending the music festival.

Margate Hill will be closed to through traffic, with event-bound traffic initially directed north eastwards to reach the event, then subsequently directed south westwards to leave.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2050 Manston Road, B2190 Spitfire Way, Minster Road, The Street and Acol Hill.

The Order allows for restrictions on both Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July, but it is envisaged that the restrictions will only be applied on Sunday 29 July, and will be in force when the relevant signage is displayed on site.

TOTHILL STREET, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tothill Street, Minster, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Rose Gardens and High Street / Monkton Road.

The alternative routes are via Foxborough Lane, Bedlam Court Lane, Church Street and High Street

or via Monkton Road, Monkton Street, Willetts Hill and A299 Canterbury Road West.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge & Malling

HILDEN PARK ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hilden Park Road, Hildenborough, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with B245 Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via B245 Tonbridge Road, Stacey Road.

ROCHESTER ROAD, WOULDHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rochester Road, Wouldham, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Scarborough Lane and Knowle Road.

The alternative route is via Knowle Road, High Street, Wouldham Road, Borstal Street, Priestfields, B2079 Maidstone Road, A229 Blue Bell Hill, Pilgrims Way.

THE GROVES, SNODLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Groves, Snodland, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Dryland Road and Pout Road.

The alternative route is via Dryland Road, Freelands Road, St Benedict Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

CORNFORD LANE & HALLS HOLE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to construct a new traffic signalled junction, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cornford Lane & Hall's Hole Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Cornford Lane from the junction of Hall's Hole Road for 100m in an easterly direction, and on Hall's Hole Road from the junction of A264 Pembury Road to Cornford Lane.

The alternative route is via Hall's Hole Road, Bayhall Road, A264 Pembury Road.

FURNACE LANE, HORSMONDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary for ditch clearance and to install a new culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Furnace Lane, Horsmonden, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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The road will be closed approximately 150m north west of Gibbet Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of B2162 Maidstone Road and Furnace Lane.

The alternative route is via Furnace Lane, Yew Tree Green Road, B2162 Maidstone Road, The Heath

MARDEN ROAD, CRANBROOK (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marden Road, Cranbrook, on or after 23 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A262 Goudhurst Road to outside a property "Harewood".

The alternative route is via A262 Goudhurst Road,Colliers Green Road.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ **Dated 8th July 2012**

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Licensing Act 2003
PREMISES LICENCE

An application has been made by: Mason Consulting Ltd

For the Premises: Area of Land within Grosvenor Road South, Calverely Road and Mt Pleasant Road North

Summary of the proposed licensable activities and proposed hours of opening are as follows:

26 and 27 August 2012 for the following:

- (E) Live Music - 10:00 until 16:00
- (F) Recorded Music - 10:00 until 16:00
- (G) Performances of dance - 10:00 until 16:00
- (H) Anything of a similar description to (E) (F) or (G) 10:00 until 16:00
- (I) Provision of facilities for making music - 10:00 until 16:00
- (J) Provision of facilities for dancing - 10:00 until 16:00
- (K) Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (I) or (J) - 10:00 until 16:00

Any person wishing to view details of an application can contact the licensing team on 01732 227 004

Any person wishing to make representation about the proposals should make them in writing on or before the 30 July 2012 to:

The Licensing Partnership, PO BOX 182, Sevenoaks, Kent,TN13 1GP
Licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk
http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Mr Clive Bartram trading as CRB Services + Associates Ltd of Unit 6A Nuralite Industrial Estate, Higham, Rochester, Kent. ME3 7JA is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 5 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at: Unit 6A, Nuralite Industrial Estate, Higham, Rochester, Kent. ME3 7JA. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Sale of Former Dunkirk Primary School, Dunkirk Faversham, Kent ("the Property")

This is a notice made by The Kent County Council ("the Council") under S.3 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 ("The 1987 Act").

The Council is the freehold owner of the Property, which it intends to sell.

The Council owns the Property pursuant to:

i) a Conveyance dated 14th November 1887 made between **Henry Woollright** and The School Board for the Ville of Dunkirk; and

ii) a Deed of Grant dated 4 February 1845 made between **Baron Sondes** and the Incumbent and Churchwardens of Christ Church in the Ville of Dunkirk.

The Property is subject to rights of reverter, having been transferred to the Council's statutory predecessor for educational purposes under the School Sites Act 1841 ("the 1841 Act"). The Property therefore reverts to the original grantor's estate if it ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was transferred.

The Council closed the school operating on the Property on 31 March 2008.

Under the 1841 and 1987 Acts, the Council now holds the Property on a statutory trust for the successors in title to Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes.

Anyone considering themselves to be a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property should inform the Council of their claim by writing to:

Catherine Lloyd
Kent County Council Legal Services
Sessions House
Maidstone
Kent County Council ME14 1XQ

before midnight on Thursday 6th December 2012

The Council intends to make an application to the Charity Commission pursuant to S.2 of the 1987 Act to extinguish the rights of any beneficiaries (being the successors in title of Henry Woollright and Baron Sondes) under the statutory trust and establish a scheme to apply the monies for such charitable purposes as the Charity Commissioners specify.

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Any person considering themselves a beneficiary under the statutory trust affecting the Property and wishing to oppose the extinguishment of their rights should notify the trustees of their claim in the manner and time specified in this notice.

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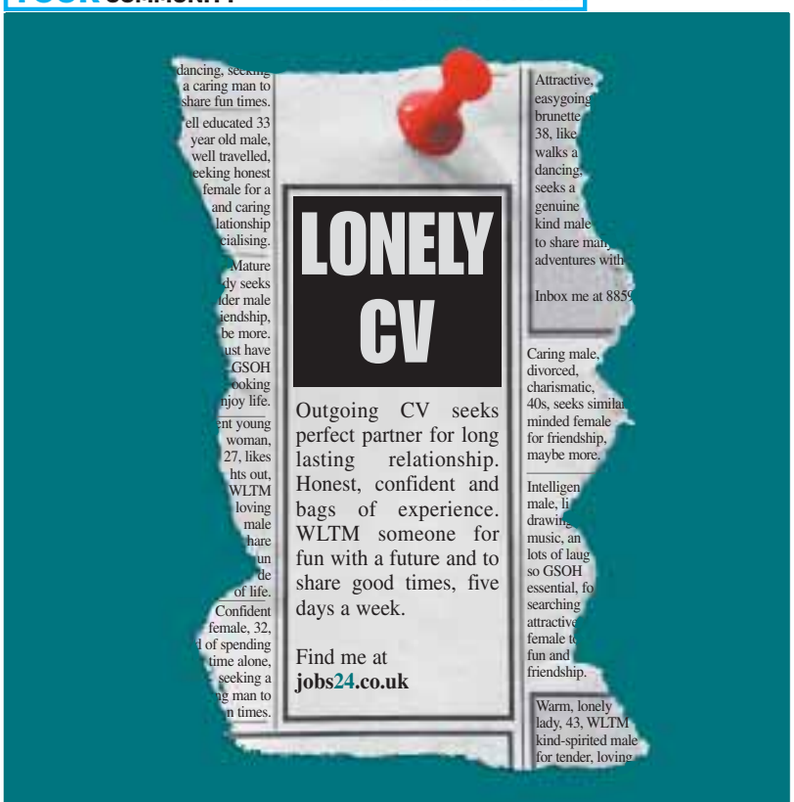

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Jamal Uddin Ahmed applied to Medway Council on 3rd July 2012 for a variation to the licence for Shozna Indian Restaurant, 153-155 Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent ME1 1RR. The application covers structural alterations to the premises to include a new function room upstairs and seeks an increase in authorised hours for the sale of alcohol from midday to 01:00.

The proposed opening hours of the premises are to be 12pm to 01.30am.

Representations should be made in writing to Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR by 31st July 2012.

Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 08.30 - 17.00 Monday to Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000.

LICENSING ACT 2003:
Application for Premises Licence

We **SPICE2V (UK) LIMITED** are applying for a new premises licence at the **57A Orion Road, Rochester, ME1 2UH.** Our application is made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR. We are applying for the following licensable activities. **Sale of Alcohol (12pm - 11pm).**

Should you wish to make representations to the council it must be in writing and/or you can view my application by contacting the council on 01634 337107 or 337108 by 24/07/2012.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003
Variation of Premises Licence

I, Daren Hills hereby give notice that I have made an application to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS for variation of a premises license as follows;

1. To permit an extension of the provision of late night refreshment between 23:00 hours and 02.00 on Thursdays and until 03.00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.
2. To permit an extension for the provision of Regulated Entertainment from 12 noon until 22.30 , Sundays, 12 noon until 23.00 hours, Mondays to Wednesdays, from Midnight on Thursdays until 02.00 and until 03.00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve
3. To add in Performance of Dance as an activity approved as Regulated Entertainment,
4. To permit an extension for the sale of alcohol from Midnight on Thursdays until 02.00 and until 03.00 on Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

In respect of the premises situated at 24, Church Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1JP and known by the sign of The Retreat Bar Bistro. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m - Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later that 26th July 2012.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors, 8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent.ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

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Celebrating 85 years of this popular railway line

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THE INTERVIEW

Danny Martin

Celebrating 85 years on track

Nick Ames finds out about the remarkable history of the world's smallest public railway

ROMNEY, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway – the smallest public railway in the world – celebrates its 85th anniversary next weekend.

The official opening took place on July 16, 1927, with the locomotive Hercules hauling the inaugural train from Hythe to New Romney. When first opened to the public the line only covered, in double track, the eight miles between the two small towns.

But owner Captain Jack Howey soon had his eye on extending the line and in 1928 double tracks carried the trains to Dungeness running close to Greatstone – a ride of 13.5 miles.

Current general manager Danny Martin – who used to run operations for British Rail – said next Sunday will see the main commemorations of the anniversary.

"It's the closest date we can get to the running of the first passenger train," he said. "So we shall be re-enacting the event."

The railway operates one-third scale locomotives, both steam and diesel powered – and a fleet of passenger carriages. Trains run at around 25 mph, slowing down to negotiate the numerous level crossings and bridges.

Locomotives are based on classic British and Canadian-Pacific Railroad designs – with the latter being constructed as it was felt the enclosed cabs would give drivers more protection against the rain and wind which occasionally sweeps across the Marsh.

Their names include Dr Syn, the legendary smuggler of the area, and Winston Churchill.

The RH&DR was the culmination of the dreams of two men, Captain Jack (EP) Howey — a racing driver, millionaire land owner, former Army officer and miniature railway fan and Count Louis Zborowski well-known racing driver of his day – famous for owning and racing the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Mercedes – and a man considerably richer than Howey.

The Count was keen to build a fully working express railway using the 15" gauge, and ordered two Pacific class locomotives, Green Goddess and Northern Chief which are both still in service, to be designed by the leading model engineer of his day, Henry Greenly and built in Colchester by Davey, Paxman and Co.

Before they were delivered however, the Count was killed while racing at Monza in the Italian Grand Prix.

So Howey was left with two locomotives and the task of finding somewhere to run them. He commissioned Greenly to help, and it was he that came up with the idea of building a railway across a remote area of Kent – Romney Marsh.

At the opening ceremony Earl Beauchamp, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, General Sir Ivor Maxse, chairman of the railway company, Howey and traffic manager Robert Hardie, inspected Hercules and the inaugural train.

THROUGH HISTORY: Below, Laurel and Hardy re-opened the line in the 1940s. Danny Martin manages the train line we know today

Danny said: "During those early years, the railway became famous and people came to ride on the Smallest Public Railway in the World. The locomotive fleet was extended to nine main-line express engines and a fleet of luxurious coaches were built.

"It suffered damage during the Second World War when the line was requisitioned by the War Department, which even created the only miniature armoured train in the world."

The line was used to take troops along the coast and Hercules was covered in armored plating and had two wagons converted to carry anti aircraft guns – the team were reputed to have shot down at least one enemy aircraft.

It is believed the Luftwaffe pilot spotted the railway from above and was unaware it was a miniature network, diving to attack he misjudged and came too close to the defensive weaponary, so presenting an easy target.

The line was used extensively during the building of PLUTO (Pipe Line Under The Ocean), which fuelled the Allied invasion force after the D Day landings of June 1944.

The post-war years were good, and the publicity the RH&DR gained from being in the front-line paid off.

Danny said: "Laurel and Hardy re-opened the line in 1947, this was the first time it got large scale publicity.

"The 50s and early 60s saw a boom in tourism and the Kent coast and the line benefited greatly with large numbers of visitors coming for holidays."

The arrival of the Hollywood duo created a stir in Kent. They boarded a train at Ashford and then a car took them to Hythe where, despite a drizzle, thousands turned out to welcome them, including the Mayor of Folkestone Alderman H Hughes and the Mayor of Hythe Alderman J A Wiles. The duo were given as a momento a clockwork key which looked like something from a wind-up toy.

An improvised comedy routine saw Laurel and Hardy attempt to board the small carriages before the train set off and lunch was taken at the Jolly Fisherman pub in Greatstone, with tea then held at the Light Railway Restaurant.

But package tourism saw numbers declining in the late 60s while owner Howey died and investment fell away. Bridges were in poor condition, rolling stock was ageing, and locomotives were costly to maintain.

Then a new owning group emerged headed by Sir William MacAlpine in 1973 and repaired the damage. Crumbling bridges were renewed, rolling stock replaced and maintained, two new diesel locos were bought and a long term-time school train contract was signed.

In the past the railway has carried freight, gravel, parcels and post as well as passengers.

Now it sees more than 100,000 visitors a year and has licenses for weddings, gives people the chance to have a go at driving a train and holds special events throughout the year.

"It's always a challenge but very rewarding," said Danny. "My last job – for British Rail and the various companies which came from it – was running the operations of a full sized railway. The issues I face now on a day-to-day basis are different, yet similar the many ways.

"Here the buck stops with me and my team. We are responsible for everything. In my previous job the responsibility was shared, but there was also far more that could go wrong."

Go to yourkenttv on youtube to see Danny Martin and take a trip from New Romney to Hythe.

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This very English pub chimes a happy tone with the family

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

IN its clearly-defined role of traditional English country pub, The Bell has a marked advantage. After all, how many such venues can be based in such a wonderfully-titled village as St Nicholas-at-Wade? The name apparently comes from the time that monks would wade across the River Stour, which separates Thanet from the rest of Kent, and the place still retains a genuine charm not always easily found in these parts.

St Nicholas (we'll leave the wading bit alone now) is, it should be noted, a small village but a small village that happily manages to sustain two pubs in these difficult times for the hospitality industry – two pubs indeed that are slap-bang opposite each other. So we're talking quite a village. And, to be fair, quite a pub.

We visited on a weekday evening for a birthday meal. Not quite what you'd call a big party – two children, two parents, two grandparents – but enough to be getting on with, especially bearing in mind that one of this band numbered a boisterous six-year-old boy.

Now here's a thing. After all the times I've tutted at those on neighbouring tables who seemed unable or unwilling to keep their younger companions under control, I now find myself in the position of attempting the same. And attempt it we must – it is not fair to subject

other people out for a pleasant meal to noisy children charging around their tables – but there also has to be an acceptance that it is not the easiest job in the world. In other words, as long as they're making a genuine effort to keep things calm, we should cut families with young children some slack when they're out.

And here The Bell scores highly. There is a strong feeling that this is a real family pub, and with it the understanding that this doesn't have to mean rubbish food for the kids. Yes, it is possible to take children out for a meal and not subject them to chicken nuggets and giant oven chips. They are capable of enjoying much the same food as you, if in slightly smaller amounts.

At which point, I should mention our portions, which were generous and fulfilling. If you like eating, you will like The Bell.

An excellent à la carte menu was enforced by a specials board chalked up on the wall – we mixed and matched between the two, although the chicken pie proved so enticing that it was chosen as main course by three on our table.

For me, though, it was oven-roasted duck breast served with Dauphinoise potatoes, fennel and orange sauce that took the fancy. The fennel (why oh why?!) needed removing from the equation – no problem, the cheery waitress told me – and all was right with my world.

Pick of the starters was surely the crispy king prawns in a light crisp batter with sweet chilli, but the consumer of deep-fried Camembert in its own coating argued strongly otherwise. Whatever, we were both happy... as indeed were all, young and old alike.

Dave Mairs

The Bell Inn
St Nicholas at Wade, near Birchington
CT7 0NT
Telephone 01843 847250

Hygeine boosts trade at the Frog & Orange

THE owner of a free house near Wingham has found a way to boost trade for just 20 minutes' cleaning a day. Laura Cumberland, who runs the Frog & Orange at Shatterling with husband Trevor, believes it is the extra tinme that has given the pub a top rating.

The government-backed Food Hygiene Rating Scheme boosted trade at the pub. Laura said "People notice our certificate and it has been really good for trade. People are happy to eat here knowing our health and hygiene procedures have the best possible score."

The team have bagged the top five star rating from the FHRS.

Five Bells chimes after bagging gong

THE Five Bells Inn at East Brabourne has been honoured for its commitment to the local community with a Sawday's pub award.

The latest edition of Sawday's Special Places Pubs and Inns comprises more than 900 of Britain's best pubs with just twelve selected to receive an award. Founder Alistair Sawday said: "The Five Bells Inn at East Brabourne is a 15th-century village inn that downland walkers and lucky locals flock to, dropping by for breakfast, craft fairs, farmers' markets, acoustic music evenings, and to stock up with goodies from the local produce shop in the bar. A perfect local with a huge community spirit."

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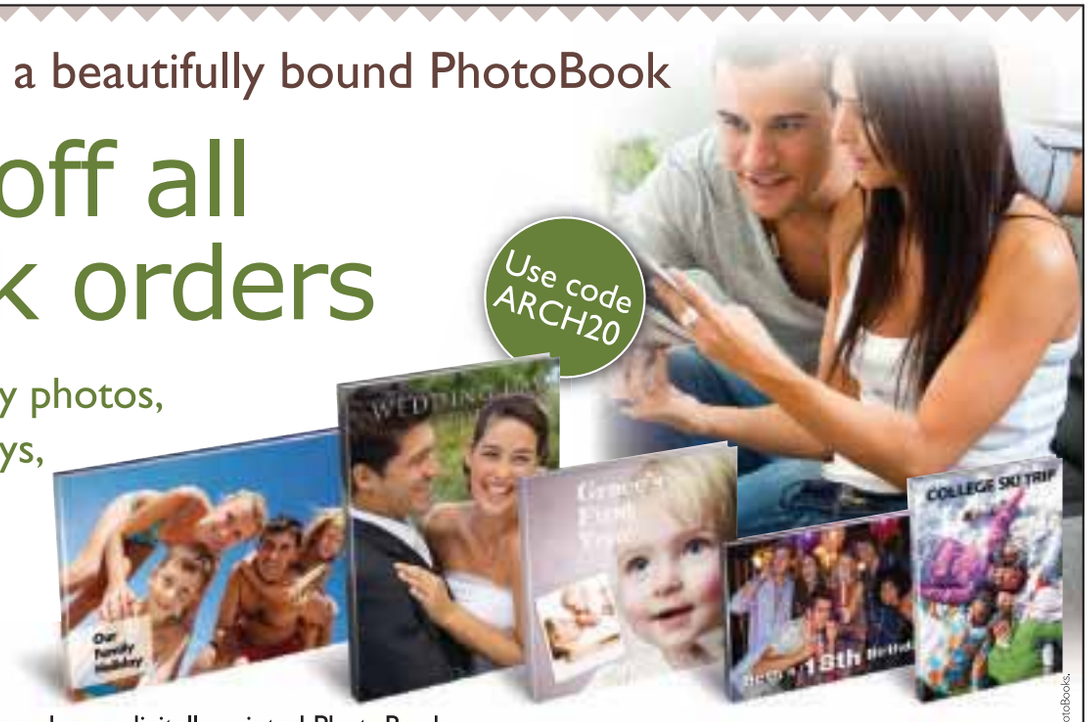

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AS part of the British festoval of Archaeology, history enthusiasts can head to Randall Manor for a guided tour of the excavation.

Located at Shorne Woods Country Park east of Gravesend, families and dedicated diggers can see a trench in action as well as take a look around the eco friendly visitor centre and another 288 acres of woodland.

The Archaeology festival is the biggest UK-wide event focusing on archaeology, with more than 190,000 people taking part across different sites last year. There is a range of activities for anyone interested in what archaeology can tell us. For more information about events further afield visit the listed website.

A feast of art
Medway work on display

Medway Arts Festival
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medwayopenstudios.co.uk

MEDWAY Open Studios and Arts Festival will take place throughout the towns offering art lovers a chance to see some of the best work coming out of Kent.

The festival will include work from a full spectrum of artists, including jewellery, sculptures, print, paint, photography, and performance. More than 70 local artists in total will open their doors to visitors displaying their work in various venues, including 26 artist studios and 11 creative spaces.

Just one example of the exhibitions is the UCA Pop up Gallery at Pentagon Shopping Centre in Chatham which will showcase work created by UCA students for their final degree projects for 2012.

For a full listing of artists and studio locations vist the webiste listed above.

Hoist the main sails
Pirates at dockyard

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IT will be fun ahoy at The Historic Dockyard Chatham as the ever popular pirate extravaganza returns.

Young visitors will be happy for hours in the undercover Pirates' Play Place, with fantastic family fun, including soft play, a desert island sand pit and arts and craft activities. There is a pirate themed assault course and cannon firing sessions followed by storytelling onboard HMS Gannet (1878) with Pirate Pam and her puppets will keep children of all ages busy.All Pirate Play Days activities are included in normal admission price with the exception of cannon firing which has a small additional charge, excuse the pun.

New arrival
Baby lemur at Howletts park

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0844 842 4647
www.aspinallfoundation.org

A curious baby lemur has made its debut at Howletts Wild Animal Park.

Keepers at the centre near Canterbury have welcomed an adorable and curious addition to their black lemur family.

The infant lemur was born to parents Aprily and Gasy and has yet to be named so keepers are urging the public to visit www.facebook.com/howletts to pick their favourite name from the available options. Results of the naming poll will be published on Monday, July 9.

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www.granvilletheatre.com

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Peppa Pig at pirate play
The Dockyard

Dockyard, Chatham
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01634 823800
www.thedockyard.co.uk

CHILDREN'S favourites Peppa Pig and her brother George will be visiting Pirate Play Days at The Historic Dockyard Chatham later this month.

The well known characters will be making appearances throughout the day providing opportunities to meet face to face and to take photographs with them.

There will be plenty of other activities to keep children happy all day too including Water Walking Balls, the Krazy Kidz Bus, Dodgem boats, face painting as well as loads of Pirate Play Days activities and all the galleries and attractions of The Historic Dockyard.

The chance to see Peppa Pig and George is included in the normal admission price. Adults £16.50, children £11.

Van the Man ready to rock
Van Morrison

The Marlowe, Canterbury
October 23 - 24
01227 787787
www.marlowetheatre.com

VAN Morrison is to headline two shows at the Marlowe Theatre in October as part of the Canterbury Festival.

The singer-songwriter will perform on October 23 and 24 as part of a new UK tour which will coincide with the release of his new studio album - Born To Sing: No Plan B - which hits stores in early October.

The Northern Irish star, nicknamed Van the Man, knows Kent well having previously headlined the Hop Farm Festival in 2010. A six-time Grammy winner and member of the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, Morrison is one of the most influential artists of the modern age. Fusing rock n' roll with soul, jazz and folk the star has produced countless hits across four deccades.

Traditional garden fete
Beech Court

Beech Court, Challock
Sunday, July 8
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www.beechcourtgardens.co.uk

THIS Sunday Beech Court Gardens will be staging its annual garden fete.

Starting at 12pm, there will be a variety of stalls and games for all the family set out around the garden. A jazz band will be entertaining guests and there will be a raffle and tombola, and a BBQ if weather permits.

Surrounding a 15th century farmhouse this informal garden is beautiful in all seasons. Roses follow the fine show of rhododendrons, azaleas and viburnums and in summer there is an impressive collection of blue and red hydrangeas.

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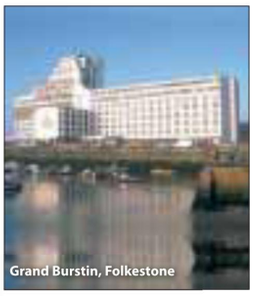
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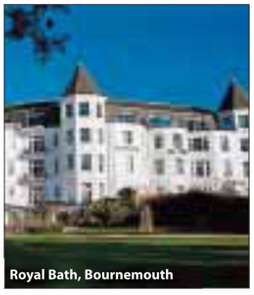
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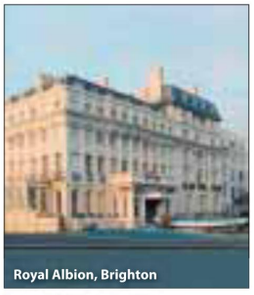
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Be prepared if you plan to rent

HOME-OWNERS who choose to rent out their homes, instead of sell them, risk walking into a legal minefield, warns Jonathan Smithers, a partner with Tunbridge Wells-based law firm CooperBurnett.

Mr Smithers, who is chairman of the Conveyancing and Land Law Committee of the Law Society, says that with home-owners struggling to sell in the slow property market, some are renting out their homes instead.

He said that becoming overnight landlords brings with it liability and legal hurdles.

Mr Smithers said: "Opting to rent out, rather than sell, in a quiet market can help generate income, but get it wrong or encounter a disagreement with your tenants and you could pay the price. There is a lot to consider when renting out a property – tenancy agreements, tax matters, deposits, service charges and special insurance that will require specialist legal advice from a CQS firm.

"Of equal concern is the possibility that renting out your home could be a breach of your mortgage conditions, so you will need a CQS accredited solicitor to check what you are permitted to do.

"It might be tempting to take shortcuts when starting out as a landlord, even if only on a temporary basis.

"However, mistakes early in the process could come back to haunt you. Tenants have rights and won't be afraid to use them, so it is vital to make any landlord-tenant arrangements as water tight as possible."

New location? Try before you buy

RENTING in a particular location in order to get a feel for it before committing to buy is one way new home owners can ensure they are making the right decision.

A recent survey has revealed that many first time buyers are making mistakes when looking for a new home as they don't think about the wider picture of the area they are buying in, the quality of the home and community.

One couple who recently settled into life at Crest Nicholson's Ingress Park development in Greenhithe, however, knew they were making the right decision, having rented at the development for 18 months prior to purchasing their first home there.

Ali Broome and her partner Joe Foster rented an apartment in The Pier phase of the development and said they enjoyed its location and community feel so much that, when they heard the last phase of houses to be built on site, Papermill Walk, was to be released for sale they jumped at the chance to buy their first home.

Ms Broome said: "We first came across Ingress Park as Joe had a friend who lived there and when we visited we really liked the location and the views over the river.

FIRST HOME: Ali Broome and Joe Foster have bought a home on Papermill Walk

"At the time we weren't ready to buy a home of our own but took the opportunity to 'try before you buy' and rented an apartment in The Pier. During our time there we just thought it was an ideal place in which to settle down.

"When we heard about the plans for Papermill Walk we knew we had to snap up the chance and bought ourselves a three-bedroom home."

Ingress Park is set in 72 acres of mature grounds, with a regenerated riverside walk and heritage trail. Another unique feature is the grass amphitheatre, a focus for community events and summer picnics.

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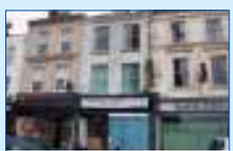

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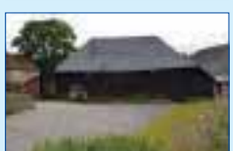

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New Punto puts a full stop after all previous incarnations

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FIRST DRIVE PEUGEOT 208

Price: from £9,995
Driving appeal: ★★★★
Image: ★★★★★
Space: ★★★★
Value: ★★★★
Running costs: ★★★★★
Reliabilty: ★★★★
How green?: ★★★★★
Best rival: Suzuki Swift

Stars align to shine on the new Peugeot supermini

MAKING a successful supermini seems like the biggest ask in the motor industry.

It must be compact yet roomy enough for five; capable of scooting around town in comfort but also motorway cruising; cheap but not Spartan; stylish yet practical; and – for the manufacturer – priced affordably yet profitable.

Rarely are these stars aligned, but they converged for the 1983-vintage Peugeot 205 and launched a dynasty of small cars for the French marque.

It sold five million units worldwide (UK 425,000) and still looks fresh now. Critics were tough on its 1998 follow-up, the 206, but that sold 7.7 million (645,000) – the best-selling Peugeot ever and still produced in some countries.

This was followed by the 207 in 2006, a relative failure selling 'only' three million (302,000) globally.

And so to the latest of the line, the 208, which looks to have recaptured the 205's star struck alignment.

It's one of those rare cars that looks good from all angles, and in either three or five door format. There are classy details too, such as the chrome dashes on the front foglights and, on the three-door, the trailing edge of the rear side windows. Impressively, style and distinction continues inside with arguably the best interior in the sector for design, materials, space and functionality.

No wonder Peugeot says the 208 design gathered the best ever pre-launch consumer ratings for one of its cars. And this is important in the real world of car sales, because 68 per cent of superminis are bought privately, often because of how they look.

Petrol models also dominate here (74 per cent) and Peugeot has launched a low emission, road tax exempt 68bhp 1.0-litre three-cylinder to try and mop up some of this demand, though there are also 1.2, 1.4 and 1.6-litre petrol and 1.4 and 1.6-litre diesel options.

The new small engine is a brave effort and many buyers will like the price and economy – lack of road tax plus 65.7mpg on the official combined cycle – but it's raucous and uneven around town, even if it does settle down when cruising. Unfortunately, the point was made too well when I stepped from the 1.0-litre petrol into a 208 1.6litre diesel, which was refined and responsive in all situations.

Whatever the engine though, the cabin is a delight: real quality with smart driver interface work having been done on the steering wheel controls and display screen – more on that when we get a test car.

And the icing on the cake for consumers is that this good looking newcomer could get a GTi model later to compare with the legendary 205GTi, though Peugeot UK insiders say they will take it only if it has the handling and performance to burnish the legend.

LOOKING GOOD: The new 208 has the stylings to appeal to private buyers

DON'T LIKE

... the entry level petrol engine doesn't rev well and makes a song and dance about almost everything, but it is cheap to run and will sell well

NOT SURE

... the ride quality and composure is up to the usual pliant French standard, and yet the 208 does not compensate with particularly tight handling

REALLY LIKE

... the all-round appeal of the 208. It looks great, but delivers practically and economically too – a worthy descendant to the legendary 205

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Hyundai battles badge bores

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HERE'S a car to confound the badge snobs – Hyundai's second generation i30 hatchback.

Get inside and it's clear the Korean marque has used the VW Golf as the main benchmark – sister brand Kia has done the same with its new Ceed equivalent.

Spend more time with the i30 though and most drivers would be hard-pressed to argue for buying the VW over the two Koreans, especially if you take into account the pricing and generous warranties offered by Hyundai and Kia – five years plus unlimited mileage in the case of the i30, and a powerful persuader in gloomy economic times.

But the VW badge carries snob value and the Hyundai's does not... yet.

However, the gap is closing fast; gurus of the secondhand market tell me cash-strapped used car buyers are cottoning on to Hyundai, causing values to harden of late.

That bullish warranty isn't given out lightly either, so secondhand buyers know they are getting something reliable, maybe with some warranty intact if the previous owner has replaced it after the usual three years' ownership.

But it is also about the soaring level of quality that Hyundai has built into its cars of late; the original i30 arrived in 2007 and that represented a quantum leap over the marque's previous efforts in that sector.

Just five years on and 'son of i30' is another big step, with dashboard fixtures and fittings that would not disgrace a Golf or the others to beat here – the Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra.

True, the Hyundai still doesn't quite cut it dynamically, so keen drivers may still prefer the VW, Ford or Vauxhall, but the gap is closing fast here and Hyundai has caught up elsewhere.

It certainly has the looks to compete; though I prefer the lines of the closely related Kia Ceed, the i30 has distinction, borrowing heavily on the elegant i40 shape from the class above.

Priced from an accessible £14,500 there is plenty of powertrain choice too – all with a six-speed gearbox standard – and including 1.4-litre petrol and diesel engines.

However, the test car had Hyundai's tried and tested 1.6CRDi diesel (from £16,895), available in 110PS (109bhp) and 128PS (126bhp) outputs, but both equipped with Hyundai's eco-efficient Blue Drive technology including auto stop/start. This challenges the likes of the VW Golf BlueMotion – a rather more expensive proposition from £19,430.

In the case of our 110PS i30 model, Blue Drive translates into an official 76.3mpg on the combined cycle and 97g/km of CO2 emissions, which means exemption from road tax.

There's no apparent downside to this miserly behaviour either, with a 0-62mph figure of 11.2 seconds and decent low down pulling power for smart and safe take offs out of junctions.

Standard i30 kit is generous, including voice-activated Bluetooth connectivity, LED daytime running lights, multi-function steering wheel for audio and other controls and electric/heated door mirrors and our mid-range Active model also gains alloys, cruise control, rear parking sensors and Hyundai's Flex Steer system: Comfort, Normal and Sport.

Comfort mode certainly eases things up when parking, but Sport needs more bite, should you explore the more dynamic chassis on this new generation i30 and, ultimately, only underlines that the car falls short of the ruling Golf/Focus/Astra party in this area.

But there is little else to gripe about: the cabin is bigger all round than the previous car, as is the boot – now one of the biggest in the sector – while the dashboard is impressively well-ordered.

It can't be long before badge snobs realise that it's cooler to be a trend setter in the case of Hyundai.

BE A TREND SETTER: It's time to stop following the crowd and realise the benefits of the Hyundai i30

HYUNDAI i30 ACTIVE CRDi 110 BLUE DRIVE : PRICE £17,995

Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
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Toledo's now back in Britain

SEAT is to revive the Toledo model name for the UK launch of an all-new coupé hatchback early next year.

The previous Toledo was a saloon, axed in 2004, but fondly remembered for its style and reputation as a driver's car. However, it could not break down British prejudice for booted versions of family hatchback size. Its successor should do better.

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Fiat supermini is now Punto - full stop

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FIAT took a chance in 1993 when it coined the name Punto for its supermini series – it can mean full stop in Italian, and many older generation cars did just that.

The model gained more reliability, space and style though when the Grande Punto arrived in 2006, a necessary modification to the name as the previous and fairly obviously smaller Punto carried on being sold alongside it for a while.

Following the demise of its little brother and a facelift in 2010, the Grande Punto evolved into – surprise, surprise – the Punto Evo.

Now we have a major revision for 2012 and a reversion to Punto plain and simple – surely also signalling a full stop for this current body shell?

But the Punto wears its five or so years well, remaining one of the most stylish yet practical three or five-door supermini designs on the road and also getting radical revisions this time around, not least Fiat's multiple award-winning TwinAir petrol engine.

As the name suggests, this is a lightweight twin-cylinder turbocharged unit, and the perfect riposte to the diesel revolution. It delivers power quickly with a sporty exhaust note when required, but can be driven economically and also has low CO2 emissions (98g/km) qualifying it for road tax exemption.

This has already been a huge hit in the Fiat 500, where its sporty nature has helped win over many male buyers to Fiat's best-selling car.

It will surely do the same for the Punto, especially for those seeking the five-door versatility that the 500 cannot offer.

A 1.2-litre and a pair of efficient 1.4-litre engines – one turbocharged – complete the petrol options. An economical 1.3-litre diesel unit is available with 75 and 85bhp – the latter also being road tax-exempt.

Fiat is openly chasing younger buyers with a new range of colours and alloy wheels and the adoption of several trim levels that have been successful for the 500: Pop, Easy, Lounge and the new GBT and TwinAir.

Opening the range at £9,900 – below the psychologically important ten grand mark – the entry level Pop version highlights the Punto's value proposition; kit includes trendy denim seat inserts, daytime running lights, steering wheel adjustable for reach and rake, height-adjustable driver's seat and remote central locking.

But the next level, Easy (from £10,900) is expected to be the best seller, with its body-coloured door handles and mirrors, remote control door locking, a rear bench that splits 60/40, heated mirrors and air-con.

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Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO_2 emissions (g/km). Vauxhall range (excluding Ampera): Urban: 14.4 (19.6) - 67.3 (4.2), Extra-urban: 27.4 (10.3) - 91.1 (3.1), Combined: 20.6 (13.7) - 80.7 (3.5). CO_2 emissions: 324 - 94g/km.

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11	61	AGILA SE, Blaze Red	£9,995
10	60	AGILA 1.2 SE AUTO, White	£8,995
11	61	AGILA SE, Steel Silver	£10,495
11	11	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 3dr, Black Sapphire	£9,995
11	11	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 3dr, Pepper Dust	£9,995
11	61	CORSA S 1.0, Flame Red	£9,495
11	11	CORSA 1.4 SXi AUTO 5dr, Star Silver	£9,995
11	61	CORSA 1.3 EXCITE CDTi 5dr, Oriental Blue	£12,995
11	61	CORSA 1.0, Glacier White	£9,495
11	61	CORSA 1.0, Chilli Orange	£9,995
11	61	CORSA 1.2 EXCITE 3dr, Lime Green	£10,495
12	12	CORSA 1.2 ACTIVE 5dr*, Pepper Dust	£10,995
12	12	CORSA 1.2 ACTIVE 5dr*, Sovereign Silver	£10,995
12	12	CORSA 1.2 ACTIVE 5dr*, Sovereign Silver	£10,995
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11	11	ASTRA SRi CDTi 1.7 5dr, Black Sapphire	£13,995
11	61	ASTRA 1.6 ACTIVE, Technical Grey	£14,995
11	61	ASTRA 1.6 GTC SRi TBO 3dr, Carbon Flash	£16,995
11	61	ASTRA 1.6 ACTIVE, Sovereign Silver	£14,995
11	61	ASTRA 1.4 EXCITE, Silver Lake	£13,995
11	61	INSIGNIA 2.0 SE SPORT TOURER, Waterworld Blue	£19,995
11	61	INSIGNIA EXCLUSIV CDTi 2.0 5dr, Olympic White	£15,995
11	61	ZAFIRA 1.8 EXCITE, Sovereign Silver	£13,995
12	12	ZAFIRA TOURER 1.4 TBO SRi*, Carbon Flash	£19,995
12	12	ASTRAVAN 1.7 CDTi SPORTIVE, Star Silver	£11,995 + VAT
12	12	COMBO L1 H1 SPORTIVE, Midnight Black	£11,995 + VAT
11	61	VIVARO SWB 2.0 CDTi (90PS), Star Silver	£12,995 + VAT
12	12	MOVANO L3 H2 CDTi 2.3, White	£18,995 + VAT

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Used Vauxhall Corsa Selection — Only

08	08	CORSA DESIGN 1.4 5dr, Star Silver	£6,495
08	08	CORSA DESIGN CDTi 1.3 3dr, Silver	£7,495
08	08	CORSA DESIGN 1.2 3dr, Star Silver	£5,995
08	58	CORSA SXi A/C 1.4 3dr, Star Silver	£6,495
09	09	CORSA DESIGN AUTO 1.4 5dr, Black Sapphire	£7,495
09	59	CORSA SXi 1.2 3dr, Black Sapphire	£6,250
09	59	CORSA ACTIVE 1.0 3dr, Silver	£6,995
10	10	CORSA ENERGY 1.2 3dr, Flame Red	£7,495
10	60	CORSA SE 1.4 5dr, Pepper Dust	£8,595
11	11	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 3dr, Oriental Blue	£8,995
11	61	CORSA VXR 1.6 3dr, Arden Blue	£14,995
11	11	CORSA SXi LINIER 1.2 3dr, Flower Red	£9,485
11	11	CORSA EXCITE CDTi 1.3 3dr, Glacier White	£9,995
11	11	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 5dr, Black Sapphire	£9,495
12	12	CORSA LTD 1.2 3dr, Black Sapphire	£12,495
12	12	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr*, Oriental Blue	£10,495
12	12	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 4dr, Flame Red	£9,995
12	12	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr, Pepper Red	£10,495

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07	57	ASTRA LIFE 1.4 5dr, Silver	£4,999
08	57	ASTRA SRi SPORTS HATCH 1.8 3dr, Silver Lightening	£6,995
08	08	ASTRA BREEZE+ 1.6 5dr, Ultra Blue	£6,495
08	08	ASTRA BREEZE 1.6 5dr, Ultra Blue	£6,785
09	59	ASTRA SXi SPORTS HATCH 1.6 3dr, Flame Red	£7,495
09	59	ASTRA SXi 1.6 5dr, Technical Grey	£7,495
09	59	NEW ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.6 5dr, Silver	£8,995
11	11	ASTRA EXCLUSIV TOURER 1.3 5dr, Sovereign Silver	£14,995

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09	58	TIGRA EXCLUSIV 1.4 2dr, Star Silver	£7,495

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08	58	AGILA CLUB CDTi 1.3 5dr, Star Silver	£6,595
09	09	AGILA DESIGN 1.2 5dr, Lemon Grass	£5,995
10	60	AGILA SE AUTO 1.2 5dr, Steel Silver	£8,995

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09	09	INSIGNIA EXCLUSIV 1.8 5dr, Silver Lightning	£8,995
10	60	INSIGNIA SRi CDTi 2.0 5dr, Black Sapphire	£12,995
11	61	INSIGNIA SE TOURER 2.0 5dr, Waterworld	£19,995
11	61	INSIGNIA EXCLUSIV TOURER 2.0 5dr, Technical Grey	£16,495

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10	60	MERIVA SE 1.4 5dr, Silver Lake	£9,995
10	61	MERIVA EXCLUSIV TBO 1.4 5dr, Silver Lightning	£13,995

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10	10	ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.6 5dr, Blue	£8,995

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11	60	CORSAVAN SPORTIVE CDTi 1.3 2dr, Star Silver	£7,495
11	61	COMBO SE CDTi 1.3 5dr, Glacier White	£8,495
11	61	VIVARO SWB SPORTIVE CDTi 2.0 5dr, Star Silver	£13,995

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07	07	CHEVROLET KALOS SE 1.2 5dr, Blue	£3,495
07	07	DODGE CALIBER DIESEL 2.0 5dr, Silver	£4,995
02	51	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 1.6 5dr, Metallic Blue	£2,495
05	05	FORD FOCUS LX ESTATE 1.6 5dr, Metallic Blue	£3,995
06	06	FORD FUSION PLUS 1.6 5dr, Silver	£3,995
06	56	FORD FOCUS ZETEC AUTO ESTATE 1.6 5dr, Grey	£4,495
09	09	FORD KA 1.3 3dr, Metallic Red	£6,495
06	55	KIA SORENTO XE 2.5 5dr, Silver	£7,495
08	08	KIA PICANTO ICE 1.2 5dr, Blue	£4,695
09	59	KIA PICANTO 1.0 5dr, White	£4,495
05	05	MITSUBISHI COLT 1.1 3dr, Red	£3,375
04	04	NISSAN ALMERA SE 1.5 5dr, Silver	£2,995
04	04	PEUGEOT 206 CC 1.6 5dr, Silver	£3,650
05	55	PEUGEOT 206 ZEST 1.1 3dr, Blue	£3,295
05	05	RENAULT LAGUNA DYNAMIQUE 2.0 5dr, Silver	£2,995
04	54	SKODA FABIA 1.2 5dr, Blue	£3,250
03	53	TOYOTA AVENSIS T3-X 2.0 4dr, Silver	£3,495
06	06	CORSA SXi A/C 1.4 5dr, Ultra Blue	£3,495
07	56	CORSA SXi CDTi 1.3 3dr, Silver	£4,495
05	55	MERIVA BREEZE 1.4 5dr, Silver Lightening	£3,495
06	06	ASTRA ACTIVE 1.6 5dr, Metro Blue	£4,495
09	58	ASTRA DESIGN AUTO 1.8 5dr, Black Sapphire	£4,995
03	53	ZAFIRA CLUB 1.6 5dr, Star Silver	£2,995

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28YR old lady, seeking male, 35-60 for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391756**

BUBBLY fun loving single mum, 47, seeks Knight in shining armour, 38-55 to put the spark back into life. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392951**

JEM 24 new to this, WLTM someone who also enjoys fine wine/dining for good times and adult relationship, 28-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392497**

MEL easy going middle aged singleton looking for adult companionship with nice male who appreciates a feminine, attractive lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392487**

WELL educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136**

ELIZABETH 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990**

51YR old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916**

SARAH 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912**

AFFABLE serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTM genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331**

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309**

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTM Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305**

LOUISE young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389**

BUBBLY female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815**

MID 40's slim, attractive female, seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989**

DONNA 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTM mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117**

SARAH 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097**

DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093**

JACQ 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391564**

KAREN 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392407**

ALISHA blue eyed petite brunette, likes to keep fit, cooking, holidays, seeks male 30-45 for special times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392399**

MICHELE very attractive black single mum, 32yrs, someone you could take home to your mother, seeking a one in a million guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391879**

NATALIE professional 30's female, no ties, everything a classy blonde should be, looking for special times with male up to 65yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391871**

FEMALE 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787**

CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565**

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for ltc. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301**

46YR old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143**

MONIQUE black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220**

SUSAN very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTM genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085**

JEANETTE big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703**

JENNY very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701**

HELLO I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677**

GEORGINA likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426**

TANYA 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727**

HI genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. Call me **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381705**

IRENE looking for happy go lucky relationship with trustworthy male for romantic evenings in, quiet nights out, passionate weekends away and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381701**

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071**

NICOLE lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145**

JACQUELINE blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137**

YOUTHFUL 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771**

MARIE 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222**

JACKIE late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283**

JACKIE 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013**

JAYNE honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743**

ANNE 60, Christian, WLTM similar person. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496**

AMANDA 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733**

SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731**

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653**

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051**

BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503**

HI I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**

TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625**

SARA 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTM tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623**

DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, brown hair/eyes, 5ft 8ins, slim, 47, likes gym, cinema, bowling, meals out, concerts, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362**

ATTRACTIVE 48yr old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390868**

MICHELLE fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757**

TRUDIE blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389755**

AMANDA honest pretty single mum, 30, big brown eyes, attractive, seeking single male/dad for lots of ltc and companionship. pls call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389737**

ANNE romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225**

ATTRACTIVE lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987**

DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337**

SUE young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275**

DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273**

51YR old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840**

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377**

WENDY enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079**

SARAH 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626**

GEM 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTM genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369**

BECKY single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057**

CHRIS outgoing secretary, enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to get to know and just see what develops. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383055**

TASHA single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and ltc. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047**

60YR old attractive female, seeks non drinker for dog walking, theatre, galleries, photography and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386231**

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539**

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107**

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555**

H I
I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103**

SAM 35, green eyed voluptuous, busty, loves football, theatre, travel, red wine, WLTM older male up to 65yrs for sensual relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379975**

KERRY 32yr old single mum of one, ready to move on with a new relationship, WLTM genuine male for flirty dates, text fun and more. Pls Call. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383901**

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HANDSOME polite male, likes music, swimming, football, cricket, cooking, seeks respectful, attractive female. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391812**

JOHN 60, many interests, seeks female, any status for company and platonic friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391772**

ROMANTIC honest, caring male, 40, likes meals out, theatre, cinema, walks, seeks caring lady of similar age for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392893**

GEORGE sincere, slim, active, likes meals out, drives, seeks lady 70-85 to enjoy life and share happy times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392625**

STEVE young looking guy seeks slim lady, 20-60 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391512**

MATURE male, discreet, genuine, seeks attractive, slim, petite lady, 40-65 for mutual fun relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391568**

MALE 55, medium build, seeks female for laugh, text, chat, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391714**

GRANT 43, seeks young female, 25-49. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391720**

MALE likes animals, simple things in life, seeks N/S, tall, slim female with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391738**

DANIEL 38, single dad, 6ft, medium build, brown hair, GSOH, likes music, walks, animals, cinema, nights in, seeks sincere female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391746**

PETE 40, dark hair, blue eyes, fit, likes dancing, walks, cinema, meals out, seeks female, 25-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391748**

RON 62, good at heart, divorced, looking for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392533**

LATE 60's male, clean, smart, 5ft 10ins, WLTM nice slim, petite lady, any age for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392557**

SINGLE father 38, seeks fun lady, 35-39 for good times, nights in and out. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392575**

CHRISTIAN male WLTM Christian lady 58yrs plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391344**

SHY blond N/S male seeks female 18-45 for walks in countryside, friendship and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391348**

GOOD looking fit 45yr old male looking for local no strings fun with female 18-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391350**

CHRIS 5ft 9ins, slim build, newly retired OHAC, solvent and seeking someone to care for. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391358**

43YR old single dad looking for LTR, enjoys gym, cinema, nights in/out, seeks similar. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391378**

SOMETHING different? Single Sussex male seeks open minded female/couple for varied naturist activities. Discretion assured/expected. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391418**

MIKE 55, divorced, fed up, seeks female for friendship/companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391502**

HONEST early 40's male, 5ft 2ins, big heart, lots of love to give, WLTM petite lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392123**

RETIRED gent, carer, tall, gentle giant, likes cuddles, seeks female, 40 plus for walks, drives, chats and afternoon tea. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392071**

ADE early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384495**

SINGLE male, 43, likes pubs, clubs, nights in, seeks young lady 25-45. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390876**

YACHT owning male, 52, seeks laughing lady who needs excitement and friendship. Hants/West Sussex. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390195**

JOHN young 53yr old, no ties, medium build, 5ft 7ins, blue eyes, laidback, black belt, likes music, meals out, nights in, self employed, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389529**

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FOOTBALL

Gills legend Cochrane still holds club close to heart three decades on

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THERE can't be many men who can claim to have taught the Saudi Arabian army how to play football, as well as scoring against England at Wembley.

In fact there is just one – Terry Cochrane.

It's nearly 30 years since the Northern Irish winger mesmerised fullbacks, and gave fans a lifetime of memories in a three year spell – including a goal from the halfway line which would make David Beckham's effort look average.

After arriving from Middlesbrough on a free transfer in 1983 he went on to make 131 appearances scoring 21 goals in Keith Peacock's side, which included the likes of Tony Cascarino, Steve Bruce, and Dave Mehmet.

And while fans have never forgotten those times, neither has Cochrane who still holds the club close to his heart.

"I think maybe in hindsight I should have stayed another season but when you've played and you've peaked at a good time you could fade away in another year, I wanted to leave on a high note," he said.

"It's nice to still be talked about when Gillingham comes up."

He was a crowd pleaser of the highest order, not just for his ability, but his on-field antics, including blowing his nose on corner flags, which kept fans entertained in a way he feels is lacking from the modern game.

"I used to keep them amused, it's part of the way I played, it was just off the cuff and the people seemed to like it," he said.

"I think I proved at Gillingham there was time to have fun and time to play and I found a good mixture."

His exploits weren't anything new as any avid viewer of the 1981/82 season Match of the Day will have noted.

An overhead kick from outside the area for Boro against Swansea in the FA Cup the season before made sure that moment was relived every Saturday night in the opening sequence of the show.

"It was the first of its kind," he said. "Everybody followed the trend.

"You're a superstar now if you do it, or if you score from the halfway line you're on £80,000 a week. Ordinary players think they're World Cup players now, they've got the money and we haven't.

"It's one of those things; if you look back in anger you'll get bitter, you have to move on."

He didn't manage an overhead kick in a Gills shirt, but there was one goal in particular that is synonymous with Cochrane.

Bristol Rovers were the visitors to Priestfield on December 29, 1984. The Rovers keeper miscued a clearance to Cochrane on the halfway line, and after neatly controlling the ball he chipped it straight back into the top corner.

"I would love to have it on video, it's one that I thought was a bit special for me," he said.

"It should have been goal of the season."

With all that talent it's no surprise he was capped at international level, but just two of his 26 caps came while he was with the Gills, against Scotland in December 1983, and Finland in May 1984.

The European Championships is a painful reminder of what might have been for Cochrane who enjoyed career highs and lows with Northern Ireland.

A hamstring injury just weeks before the 1982 World Cup ruled him out of the tournament and he had to make do with a postcard from his team mates, after appearing in all but two of the qualifiers.

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> **FORMER GILL,** TERRY COCHRANE

"I pulled a hamstring in France and couldn't get it right," he said. "I would have gone, that's the most disappointing part.

"I don't think it can grate on your mind, it's just a memory you don't care to think about.

"They sent me a postcard and wished me all the best, and they shared the money out - it was nice of them to do that."

While his impact on that tournament will never be known, his goal against England at Wembley two years earlier in the Home Nations went a long way to helping his country win the competition for the first time in 66 years.

If ever he forgets what impact that had he need only take a walk in the village where he was born.

To mark that moment a mural was painted, also depicting the last goal to be scored for Northern Ireland against England in 2005 by David Healy, who grew up just five doors along from Cochrane.

"That's one of my better memories," he said. "You dream of going to Wembley and scoring against England.

"That was a big thing for me coming from where I come from to score against England.

"You find it a bit daunting, but you're happy in your memories, nowadays it doesn't seem to matter, the modern game is outdating you."

Picture: BELFAST TELEGRAPH

LEGEND: Terry Cochrane was a fans' favourite in his three years

After leaving Gillingham he went on to play with Dallas in the US and had brief spells at Hartlepool and Millwall.

He then had another dabble with international football in the early 90s, this time coaching the Saudi Arabian military side.

The team was gearing up for a tournament against fellow gulf nations and wanted professional help.

"I saw an ad in the paper about coaches going, they invited me to London and next thing I knew I was in Saudi," he said.

"The Gulf War nullified the training, we got bits and pieces done which was good, it never happened because of the war.

"I had an Egyptian interpreter but football is a common language, you just have to shuffle it about a bit.

"I would have gone back but the company lost the tender, so that was it."

Management is something Cochrane is keen to get back into after acquiring his A licence, and has so far only taken the reigns at Glenavon in the Irish Premier League where he stayed for six months.

In the meantime he is back in Middlesbrough part-time coaching in the community.

JOY: Dobriskey will run in the 1,500m for GB

OLYMPICS

Dobriskey wins place as four more in Olympic squad

FOUR more Kent athletes have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Olympics.

As widely expected sprint sensation Adam Gemili, and hurdler Jack Green had their places confirmed, 1,500m runner Lisa Dobriskey clinched her place in the final trial event in Birmingham.

The Ashford-born runner has battled against blood clots on her lungs in the last year, but recovered in time to finish second in the 1,500m trial a week before the selection deadline.

Kat Driscoll from Chatham will be Team GB's only representative in the trampoline event after winning the North West Gala event in June.

The 28-year-old said: "It has been a long selection process for trampoline, so to be able to come out on top and be named part of Team GB is an incredible feeling and a huge honour.

"I've dreamt of competing at an Olympic games since I was a child and continually told my Dad that I would be there one day as part of Team GB."

Gemili from Dartford will go head-to-head with the fastest men in the world in the 100m and 4x100m relay. It has been a whirlwind six months for the 18-year-old who four years ago was paying just a passing interest in athletics.

"My first Olympic memory was Beijing if I'm honest," Gemili said following Tuesday's official team announcement. "I remember the 100m but I wasn't too much into athletics. I've seen it since on Youtube and I've been doing my research."

"I feel privileged that I've earned a place and I will be lining up against the likes of Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell, potentially anything can happen in that race and it feels really good.

"I will be running against the best guys in the world and hopefully I'll run the times they run and maybe even better it. Just to be there on the day will be amazing.

"I'm improving a lot and that 10.08 was quite scrappy, it wasn't my best race. I've made a lot of improvements and changes and if I keep improving then we can hopefully see some quicker times."

He became fastest British runner this year, and the second ever fastest for his age behind Dwain Chambers after smashing his personal best and the Olympic A qualification time in Regensburg, in Germany.

Green, 21, from Maidstone, claimed his place in the 400m hurdles and 4x400m hurdles after running the qualification time last month.

FOOTBALL

Allen vows evolution not revolution as he takes over

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AFTER nearly two months of speculation Martin Allen was finally confirmed as Gillingham manager this week.

The 46-year-old has long been favourite to succeed Andy Hessenthaler who stepped down in May - despite mixed feelings from Gills fans.

After being unveiled at Priestfield on Thursday in one of the worst kept secrets in football, he will now face the task of turning around a depleted team with instructions to aim for promotion ringing in his ears from chairman Paul Scally.

Allen said: "The opportunity to come here came up earlier in the summer so I spoke to the chairman and he told me his plans.

"We had a few meetings and he expressed his wishes to climb higher.

"It's a different situation coming to a club where a manager has done well, so it's not exactly major chances that are needed.

"We just need to tinker around a little bit."

Paul Scally was delighted, meanwhile, to get his man.

He said: "Martin was always the most outstanding candidate.

"We met him on a number of occasions and we were very excited by his vision."

His appointment will be seen as a risky one by many with his track record in recent years showing a lack of staying power, but one thing is for sure he will get whatever side is put in front of him fired up.

The man nicknamed Mad Dog, due to a habit in his playing days of foaming at the mouth, was unemployed after his successful rescue mission at Barnet at the end of the season.

He was brought in for the final three games of the season with the aim of keeping the Underhill outfit in the Football League, a feat he achieved on the final day of the season.

He has been among the top names linked with the job alongside Mark Robson who was given the job at Allen's former club Barnet, Steve Tilson, and Keith Millen.

Steve Claridge has also been in the frame for the job in the last few weeks.

See www.kentnews.co.uk for the latest news.

Picture: ADY KERRY

HOT SEAT: Martin Allen has been told by Gillingham's chairman Paul Scally to aim for promotion

CRICKET

EXCITED: Adam Ball hopes to lead out England

Captaining England at the World Cup a major step in Ball's career

ADAM Ball is relishing the challenge of leading England into the under-19 World Cup in Australia next month.

Ball and Kent team mate Daniel Bell-Drummond were named in the provisional squad in June for the tournament and were expected to be named in the final squad that was announced on Friday.

Ball has captained the side for the past year including at the Quadrangular series against Australia in April, while Bell-Drummond has been a consistent performer with the bat and played a major part in England's success in that tournament.

The 19-year-old from Bexley has made nine first class appearances for Kent after making his debut last season against Gloucestershire, and has featured in the CB40 and t20 campaign this year.

"It's a massive honour playing for your country, it's a massive honour in itself, but being given the captaincy is another big step in my career," he said.

"It was quite a big challenge doing it for the first time. I felt I was capable enough, but did have my doubts about how it may affect my game. My relationship with Keysey (Rob Key) has grown over the last couple of years. I get on quite well with him, and whenever I need any advice he's always there.

"It's quite a tough job because you have got to find your own way of doing things."

England play their first game against defending champions Australia on August 11, before matches against Ireland the following day, and Nepal on August 16. Ball has pinpointed the hosts and Pakistan as the teams to be wary of.

"I think the main ones are Australia, and Pakistan are a very strong side as well, they have lots of talented players."

The tournament takes place in familiar surroundings of Queensland where Ball and the rest of the squad played in the Quadrangular series against Australia, India, and New Zealand.

They crashed out to eventual winners India in the semi-finals, despite winning all three of their group games.

He said: "I think we have made progress from going to Australia last time, we have got a very good chance, there are a few new faces in the squad, so I'm excited to see how they get on."

CRICKET

Biggest crowd of the season ready for South Africans' visit

KENT will play South Africa in front of a bumper crowd next week in a warm-up game for the tourists ahead matches against England.

The three-day match at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury against a host of star names has boosted ticket sales for the county which chief executive Jamie Clifford believes could be the biggest of the season.

The action starts on Friday and is the second match for the South Africans, who play Somerset at Taunton in a two-day game starting on Sunday, July 10.

Clifford is relishing the chance to see the second best team in the world play, and hopes fans feel the same.

"Ticket sales are very good, we are anticipating the biggest crowd of the season for the Friday on the first day," he said.

"They will have just arrived and will be getting ready for the first test, so it's got a very high profile, and lots of people want to see them as soon as they can.

"South Africa have got some big names that people want to see, it might be the last chance to see people like Jacques Kallis.

"The Tests against England are as good as sold out, if not they're not far short.

"It's great when the ground is full because it has a great atmosphere, and it's nice to get the big names playing. The England series is going to be a play-off for the best team in the world."

South Africa will play England in three tests at the Oval on July 19, Headingley, August 2, and Lord's on August 16, before they play five one-day internationals from August 24, to September 5.

Picture: ADY KERRY

EXCITED: Clifford relishing SA visit

MOTORSPORT

Hill hoping for triple joy in BSB at his favourite track

TOMMY Hill currently leads the British Superbike Championships and is hoping to lengthen his lead at one of his favourite circuits.

The Swan Yamaha rider from Beckenham races at the Cheshire circuit this weekend and is currently six points ahead of Sheppey's Shane Byrne in the overall standings following his double podium finish at Scotland's Knockhill circuit last time out.

And he is eager for a repeat performance at his favourite track, where he secured pole position, a victory and a second place earlier in the season in May.

There is a great chance for Hill to increase his lead in the standings with three races taking place this weekend, but he is taking one race at a time.

Hill said: "I always look forward to Oulton Park as it is one of my favourite circuits and after two very strong finishes at Knockhill we are coming in to the weekend hoping to stick the Swan Yamaha back on the top step of the podium again.

"We have three chances this weekend but I am taking it one race at a time as everyone is pretty even and we just need to keep pushing on as a team and looking for those race wins and podium credits.

"There are lots of riders who are going to be up there fighting but I am just focused on trying to get three wins for Swan Yamaha so we can add to our tally before the Showdown."

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EAGER: Hill wants points at Oulton

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